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Original Poetry.

WE PARTED.

TO ———.

WRITTEN FOR THE SATURDAY EVENING POST, BY T. HEMPSTEAD.

We parted—'twas a balmy day,
In Spring's enchanting weather;
And smil'd the smiles of opening May,
That found us last together;
And then grew strangely sad our hearts,
When came the parting hour;
As mildew dims the sight fairest,
Will dim the sweetest flower;
Bright, bright had been those hours to us,—
We met in joy and gladness;
Nor deemed we hearts united thus,
Might part in gloom and sadness.

Fell fast I ween, the moments flew,
That found us last together;
And sweet as is the musted dew,
To flowers in summer weather;
We met—we met, merry hearts beat light,
And smiling eyes were round us;
Nor recked we time might act his blight,
Upon the spell that bound us;
We parted, when we found no true,
That tenderness has spent never;
Alas! that joys so sweet that flow,
Should fade and fade forever!

We parted—'twas when bonny May,
In rainbow wreath was shining;
And spring bloom with golden ray,
The garden edge was lining;
And and it was so hid farewell
With sought but bloom to meet us;
No chilling gale of death to tell,
Or withered leaf to greet us;
Perchance 'twas wise, perchance 'twas meet,
That fate our late should sever;
And yet a sigh that joys so sweet,
Should fade and fade forever!

Green, green for thee Hope's garlands twine,
And happy stars watch o'er thee;
And faith direct with ray divine,
To golden days before me;
Within oft a thought will bloom unseen,
How lost we together;
When winds were balm, and leaves were green,
In Spring's enchanting weather;
But one sad sigh, we found so true,
That time our fates should sever;
And leaves on silken wings that flew,
Should fade and fade forever!

Original Tales.

PLOUGH DEEP.

A Story of Real Life.

WRITTEN FOR THE SATURDAY EVENING POST, BY THE AUTHOR OF "FRANCES AND FANNY," &c. &c.

CHAPTER I.

"Plough deep! Oh, yes, it is easy enough to say plough deep, but the horses have a word to say to that bargain. Ten acres, too, and the plough share has cut down twelve inches at every step, and yet my young master says 'Plough deep, Coptoel. There, that is the last furrow; thank Heaven. I am at the bottom! Aha! plough deep! yes, deep enough, far down—"

Coptoel had just arrived at this point of his soliloquy, and at the end of the furrow, when down went the plough, down to the breast went the horses, and Coptoel was nearly following them. He however succeeded in extricating the animals, who rendered him every assistance that instinct suggested, and the first act of Lightfoot, the near horse, was to turn round and bite Coptoel's leg.

Coptoel would have whipped the horse soundly, but his master approached, and the man subdued his rage to point out the abrupt finish of his labors.

"This is very strange," said the young man; "and—there—the foundation of the wall is giving way. Stand aside, Coptoel, for the little turret must of course fall, if the wall tumbles down. Take the horses to the stable, and blow the horn thence, for Jaba."

"Never mind," grumbled Coptoel, as he jumped on Lightfoot and fell the other horse; "never think, Lightfoot, I'll break you for this, yet—no don't think you are to escape."

The horn blew thrice, and Juba, a negro, made his appearance in great haste.

"Look here, Juba, and mindile this," said the young man. "The mere weight of the horses and plough has made the earth sink in. There must have been a large hollow there, and yet how could there be one so near the foundation of the stone wall. If there is no way to prevent the stones from falling, the little turret must come down, and this will kill the old lady at once."

Juba looked at the gap and then decided in his own mind that the arch of some passage had given way, and that the corner of the wall on which the turret had been built was directly over the passage.

"Come here in about an hour," said Juba to the young man, "and perhaps you will find that the turret will not fall."

So he departed, and the negro, with the reluctant assistance of Coptoel and two laborers, succeeded in propping up the wall. By the time the evening closed, the turret was safe, and the young man, who had examined the props, walked back to the house with Juba.

"Well, Juba," said he, "what is your opinion of that great hole under ground? I have no doubt you have probed it to the bottom."

Juba was silent. The men were lagging behind, but within hearing; and he thought it best to keep his thoughts to himself.

"Whatever it might have been, Master Stone, it is nothing now, and will be filled up to-morrow. I am glad, at any rate, that Madam Sturve does not know of the accident. I hope, Coptoel, you will not frighten the maids about it."

"Oh, I will answer for him," said the young man. "Besides, he has quarrelled with Libbet, they say, and so he goes not in the kitchen. Do you come to my room after supper," said he, in a low voice, to Juba, "and let me talk this and other matters over."

Stenu Sturve, the hero of our story, was a plain, good-principled young man, of about twenty-one years of age. He was almost self-taught, for he had no masters after he was twelve years old, and all that he knew of books and philosophy he acquired by his own industry, for his love of knowledge was strong.

The young man was the last male descendant of the Stenu Sturve who was Regent in Sweden after the death of Charles VIII., in the year 1470. This Regent was nephew to the king, and conducted the affairs of Sweden with great judgment and prudence, but by a base stratagem of Christian II., King of Denmark, was treacherously murdered. His mother, with his young son, retired to a small estate in Upsal, where she remained unnoticed, and, indeed, forgotten by all but the Archbishop of Upsal, who, for some reason of his own, took an interest in the affairs of the little orphan.

On this estate, and near the mansion, or palace it might be called in those days, was a small chapel, in which great skill and immense sums of money had been lavished. This could well be conceived, as three hundred years after its erection, it was still in excellent preservation. The mansion, also, unlike those generally in Sweden at that time—or indeed in 1819, the period when our story begins—was built of stone, and stone over which the elements seemed to have no control.

In this Chapel the Archbishop sometimes condescended to preach, and it was on one of these occasions that the Lady Sturve conveyed to him the unpleasant information that her funds for the maintenance of her grandson were exhausted.

The Archbishop looked at her for several minutes without speaking. He then rose, told her that he would revolve the matter in his mind, and let her know the result the next day.

"This is your last meal, Stenu," said she, as they sat down to their slender supper; "this is your last meal as owner of Sturve Chapel. For well I know, by the peculiar look of the Archbishop's eye, that a plentiful board can only be purchased by the sale of that Chapel.

"I don't mind letting him have the Chapel, if he will give me money enough to travel. I am tired of living here, frozen up nine months in the year, and doing nothing for the three summer months but climb rocks and catch fish. I'm for France.

Stenu was now in his sixteenth year, and as he did not love study, in fact there were few facilities there to an indifferent mind, it was, as he said, dull enough.

"Would you leave me here alone?" said she reproachfully.

"Oh, no, grandmother, you shall go along."

"No, degenerate boy," said she, "I stir not from an estate that has been in our family for many centuries. I have long perceived that you wish to leave me; and as I know the obstinacy of your nature, I shall make no opposition. Go to France if the Archbishop consents, and when you are as weary of that country as you are of your own now, come back and lay your bones by the side of your father's and mine, in Sturve Chapel."

The young lad laughed at this solemn winding up of his grandmother's speech; but he promised to return if weariness overtook him, an event which he thought not likely to happen. The Archbishop gave his consent, his benediction, and, what Stenu thought the most agreeable part of all, a purse well filled with gold pieces. To be sure, he took good care to secure himself from ultimate loss, but Stenu thought little of this as long as he possessed the means of looking into a world which presented so many fairy scenes to his imagination.

He departed from Upsal in 1819, and in the year 1822, just 63 years afterwards, and in his 80th year, he contrasted to his estate, weary of that foreign world which looked so fair to him at a distance. His grandmother lived and ruled for twenty years after he left her, and in that time, by occasional remittances from Stenu, and her own prudence and thrift, she had redeemed the Chapel and lands; for, the Archbishop being dead, money was more desirable to his heirs than a Chapel without revenue.

Stenu Sturve did not return alone; he married at the age of forty, had four sons, and with this family, and wealth enough to satisfy his utmost wishes, he arrived at the castle of Upsal without meeting with a human being who had any recollection of him. The climate proved too severe for Madam Sturve, and she died. One of the sons, Oswald, was drowned; Eric remained single; Harold, the youngest and handsomest, married a fair-haired, blue-eyed girl from Norway; and it was to his heirs that Sturve would have been compelled to leave his property, had not Stenu, the eldest, and an old man himself, announced to his father that he intended to marry.

In due time, he married; and when he presented his aged father with a fine thriving one, Harold, with a small annuity settled on his heirs by his father, left the paternal home, and was seen no more. Generation after generation came and went, until, in the year 1790, the hero of our story was born, and five years after, his sister Mildred came also.

The grandfather of the young man, like the first Stenu, was determined to travel, he had wealth at command, and was known in Paris before he arrived there as a clear headed financier. He married, and in due course of time had a daughter. This was quite an unlooked for change in the regular order of the Sturve family, for the first born had invariably been a son. As no son succeeded the daughter, Stenu became fretful and disconsolate, it was in vain that his mother, who had gone to Paris on a visit, told him that a girl would make as good an heir as a boy; he would not listen, and his constant ill temper towards his wife, joined to a delicate constitution, soon sapped the foundations of health and sent her to the grave.

A second marriage brought him a son, but he was again a widower; this, however, did not disturb his tranquility, for he had secured an heir, and he had nothing further to desire. His mother, however, took it into her head to die likewise, and that event did derange his plans. Upsal now year after year came nearer and nearer to view, and as the vision brightened he arranged his affairs, turned everything into gold, and at the age of sixty found himself seated on the parlico of Sturve Castle gazing on the lake.

His daughter was now thirty, but being very tall, very sallow with strongly marked features, she looked much older. Stenu, his son, was twenty-one, and as his father determined that one, at least, of the name of Sturve should marry early, a wife was selected, and in the course of four years she brought him first a son and then a daughter.

Whatever might be the old man's reasons at his death, he only left his heir the real estate, which consisted of nothing more than the castle, the chapel and about thirty acres of land. He settled on his daughter about three thousand dollars a year, and at her death it was to go to his grandchildren Phillippa. After her demise it went to a distant branch of the family, a daughter of one of the descendants of Harold Sturve, the grandson of Stenu Sturve the Regent of Sweden.

Our hero lost his father and mother at a very early period, and as his great aunt still reigned in full power, the care of himself and sister fell upon her, his aunt, Fillie, as she was called, having no authority whatever.

Madame Sturve was now in her seventy-third year, and was as much a Frenchwoman as on the day she left Paris. She had not even changed the fashion of her dress, still wearing the high-heeled shoe and the high peaked cap with long flying lappets, and deep ruffles of rich lace at the elbow. She was very tall, and this, added to the high heels and high cap, made her appear to a stranger as a messenger from an unknown world.

During her father's life she had ruled him as his mother did before them she ruled her brother, and her authority still continued, for her patronizing arm reached down from her brother to his grandson, the present Stenu Sturve. As to her niece Fillie, she did not consider it worth while to interfere in her concerns at all. In fact it would not have eventuated in anything like satisfaction, for Fillie had a way of her own too, which, if not obstinacy, was as near akin to it as to produce the same effect—she never paid any attention to any suggestion or remonstrance from any one.

Now Fillie had seen enough of a certain sort, she went through the monotonous routine of her life with cheerfulness, found fault with nothing, saw no faults in any one, took everything for granted, interested herself in nothing in particular, and in nothing in general, in short she was sensible to nothing excepting that when her aunt died she was to inherit the income during her life.

"When Aunt dies," she would say to their mutual business, "I shall have three thousand dollars a year, now I have nothing."

This sum of income, otherwise a good sum enough, thought but he could manage to keep Fillie in as happy a humor as she was now, even though she should change her name to Wilkins. No paid great court to her therefore, for the symptoms of decay in Madame Sturve were becoming more and more apparent every change of the moon.

Mildred, our hero's sister, would neither submit to the domineering spirit of her great aunt, nor to the accommodating spirit of her little aunt. There was nothing therefore that promised comfort but to send her to Stockholm, and thither she went at the age of twelve.

CHAPTER II.

Before we say anything further, it is necessary that we should speak of Juba. Our hero's father had been crossed in love, and his grandfather, to dissipate his melancholy, persuaded him to travel. Instead, however, of going to France, where much of his early recollections centered, for his aunt spoke of nothing and thought of nothing that had not some allusion to the place of his birth, he went to America, and it was in Virginia that he saw the lady who was to supplant the fair one who had disappointed his hopes.

Mildred Cranleigh was a fair delicate girl, an only child, and utterly helpless. She had four or five slaves constantly near her, and every wish and request was anticipated, in fact, her sweetness of temper made it a pleasure to gratify her. When the young Swede made his appearance among them he was so struck with the grace, beauty and docility of the young girl, so unlike anything he had ever seen before, that she became a study. He lingered in the neighborhood quite long enough for Mr. Cranleigh to inquire through the Swedish Consul, about his family and character, and when he was ready to offer his hand to the daughter, the father was quite ready to bestow it.

Juba had a twin sister, and she as well as he thought that slavery would indeed be a burthen if Miss Millie were to leave them, so they entreated and wept until Mr. Cranleigh consented that they should accompany his daughter to Sweden. They were then mere children, not more than twelve years of age, but remarkably intelligent and docile. Phillis, however, could never learn to write, though her young mistress took as much pains with her as with Juba, but her affections were so strong, and her determination to go as earnest as his were.

Stenu Sturve introduced his fair bride, and was well received by his father, but the old lady, Madame Sturve, could hardly treat her with civility, so great was her indignation at having married any other than a French woman. Miss Fillie was neutral, for it was a matter of indifference whether her brother married a French or an American woman, as her income could not be affected by it. She only wondered that Tantie made such a lament.

But the fair delicate girl found that Upsal was not a bed of roses, her husband, to be sure, was kind and even anxious that she should not suffer from the excessive cold of the winter, but nothing could protect her from the coldness of Madame Sturve and her biting sarcasms. The birth of a son gave her energy, however, and she bore the gloomy monotony of her life without a murmur, nay, without any suspicion on the part of her husband that there was any hidden cause of discontent. Juba had, himself, been so accustomed to the disagreeableness of his aunt's temper and manners, that he forgot to observe how it affected his wife.

Five years after she gave birth to a daughter, and from that moment she began to droop. Her husband saw with concern that her constitution was injured by the severity of the climate, he therefore determined to take her to Virginia, to remain there a twelvemonth, and then to travel with her until her health was restored. But a letter just then received put a stop to his plans, for it announced the death of Mr. Cranleigh, and that his estates had passed into the hands of his nephew.

This, of itself, would have hastened the poor lady's death, but fortune was still more severe, for Stenu, her husband, took a heavy cold from exposure in a boat during a storm of hail and rain, and died after a fortnight's severe suffering. In one week his tender wife lay at his side, and thus the little orphans came entirely under the care of Madame Sturve.

Juba and Phillis were now about nineteen years of age, and as their happiness was bound up in their young mistress, her death overwhelmed them with grief. Phillis hated Madame Sturve and despised Miss Fillie for being connected in attendance on her young mistress, she saw the hardness of the old woman's heart and the weakness and frivolity of the young one. They, in return, hated Phillis, and as everything was in the power of Madame Sturve, she debarred the poor girl from all intercourse with the children; as to Juba, he was tolerated, because his services were not required within doors, and he therefore did not give that offence which Phillis did both by look and words.

"Juba," said she, "I shall either die myself or kill Madame Sturve if I remain here any longer. I am of no use to the dear children, and you know yourself that I scarcely ever see them, so let us go back to Virginia."

But Juba would not listen to this, and for a long time he endeavored to reason her out of this determination. He even spoke to Madam Sturve, begging her to allow Phillis to see the children at stated hours, striving by every means, to enlist her compassion for a poor girl who had left her family and mild climate to follow her young mistress. But the old lady was inexorable, she condescended to give her reasons to the young man, for she could not avoid respecting him for his good sense and good principles. She said that if Phillis had honestly, or even daily access to them, she would from her indulgent disposition do great injury to their health and character. That her aim was to inure them to the climate, and thus overcome the tendency to consumption, which they inherited from their mother, who might, had she been a French woman, be alive at this moment.

Juba had promised his mistress never to forsake the children, so he determined to remain, let his situation be ever so disagreeable, but Phillis was of too fiery a temperament to be kept in such bondage. Madam Sturve, through her man of business, facilitated the girl's departure, provided her with funds, and saw her quit Upsal with pleasure. Juba felt her absence keenly, for he seemed now alone in the world, but he bore it manfully, and after a few struggles he resolved to ingratiate himself in Madam Sturve's favor.

It really was very affecting and yet amusing too, to hear the parting advice of the brother and sister. Phillis entreated Juba to secure Madam Sturve, and insult Miss Fillie whenever he had a chance, and to teach the children to despise them. That she, being free, would work hard, save every dollar, and when there was enough saved for them all, and bring the children up herself. Juba listened to it all in silence, merely nodding his head, and in return begged her to write to him from time to time, that he might hear of her welfare. As she could not write he hit upon the plan of writing the letters himself, putting a wafer in each letter and directing it carefully. One letter announced her safe arrival in Virginia—another was to let him know which of his early friends were dead or cold in other States, and another was to say whether she had found friends.

Poor Phillis bitterly regretted that she had not improved the chance she once had of learning to write, but she understood Juba's plan, and all she had to do was to make a red cross if the friend was living and contented, or a black cross if dead or removed to a distance. As to her welfare that was to be expressed by printed letters, cut from newspapers, and pasted on the sheet of paper, which could be filled with tolerable ease, as Phillis could read.

"And I will tell you what else I will do, Juba," said poor Phillis, just as she was leaving him. "I will put my death in the newspaper, and when I see it in print, I will cut it out, put it in this letter, and keep it till I really die. I will tell some kind friend to put it in the Post Office, and then you will know that poor Phillis is gone to Heaven, to dear Miss Mildred."

Juba was inconsolable for several days, but the little boy pined after him, and Madam Sturve, now that Phillis was out of the way, indulged the child in his wishes, so that in a short time he almost lived in Juba's sight. It was a great pleasure to teach the little boy who was so fond of him, and so eager to learn. Madam Sturve found that there was great gain in this, for the expense of a master would be saved. In the meantime he did not neglect the little Mildred, who soon became as fond of him as her brother was.

It was owing to Juba, the reason that the heir of the family grew strong in health, for he was exercised on every fair occasion in the open air, and encouraged to climb, jump and run, as well as to row on the lake until the roughest weather was encountered without injury. As far as was practicable he trained the little Mildred to these exercises, and she might have remained under his tutelage for a longer time had not the unpleasant temper of the old lady made her rebel.

"Juba," said she, one day, "my heart will break if I live with Madam Sturve any longer, she never sees me without saying something cruel about my dear mother; and I can bear it no longer. Do not tell Stenu of this, but contrive that I may be sent to school."

Juba had foreseen this, and on a visit to Stockholm he made all the inquiries necessary, even to the terms, so that when he begged Madam Sturve to let Mildred go, he was ready to answer all questions. But what weighed most with the old lady was the very small sum demanded for board and education, so Sybil, the old housekeeper, was ordered to prepare Mildred for Stockholm.

Sybil was as great a character in her department as Madam Sturve, quite as independent and quite as antiquated in her manner and dress. But she had strong affections—that is—she passionately loved her children during their life, and cherished their memory, transferring all the love she bore them, and there were four all grown to manhood, to her two grand children, a girl about the age of Mildred and a grand-son about a year older than Stenu.

But if she loved these children as she did her own life, she hated all others, nay, she hated all others, as if they were in some way or other inimical to their interests. It was as much owing to her harsh and contracted temper that the little Mildred suffered under Madam Sturve's exactions as to the bigotry and selfishness of the old lady herself. As to Fillie, nothing made an impression upon her, and this Sybil soon discovered, so that there was no concerted plan to lessen her influence in the family, for she did not possess nay, even Libbitt, the cook, never cared whether she was pleased or displeased with the dishes she sent to table.

As Madam Sturve had long since ceased to read, and as her curiosity was still as evident as ever, it became necessary to have a reader. This was one source of misery to poor little Mildred, who was compelled to read the most tiresome books when her gay and cheerful spirit wanted to travel in fairy land. The old lady had a passion for farming, and finding that there were excellent treatises on agriculture in English, and as Mildred could read as well in English as in French, these tiresome books were given her to read. In the midst of a sentence she would often stop Mildred to correct her pronunciation, and here the child would rebel.

Madam Sturve never could master the English language so as to speak it correctly, yet she persisted in speaking it, still less could she pronounce it. If she were told that cough was pronounced as if it were cauf, that she comprehended; of course, laugh and rough were easy, and so was enough and trough. But when it came to dough and plough she was completely thrown aback, and never could be set right. So when Mildred came to the word plough, and pronounced it as was proper, Madam Sturve would always stop her, and call it ploff, and when she sent the child to Coptoel the ploughman, it was to insist on his ploffing deep, a command which she obeyed only in part, for she would call it ploughing deep.

As to the language of the country, in fact as to the Swedish or German language, she despised them too much to learn them, of course her dislike to Mildred increased upon being told by Sybil that the little girl could read the Arabian Nights in the Swedish language.

Sybil could not, or would not read to the old lady, and Stenu was never at home when she was disposed to hear any one read. Madam Sturve did for one moment think of asking Fillie to finish the book that Mildred began, but a single glance at her uncommonly unpromising face, put the thought aside, so the old lady was quite unhappy.

"I cannot conceive why you should want to read what those Englishmen write," said Sybil, one day, "if you go on to first in this manner, Miss Fillie will soon be mistress of this fine income, and Stenu will ploff deep or ploff shallow, just as it suits him. I will go to Stockholm to-morrow, and see whether my little grand daughter Hazeldine can read English, if she can, I will lend her to you for a few months."

Madam Sturve agreed to this, in fact what Sybil suggested was a law, for we generally find that a contracted and harsh temper is kept in submission by one still more contracted and harsh. Besides, as it respected Sybil she had human sympathies, she did love something. Madam Sturve nothing not even a lap dog. Sybil returned in about ten days, leading a bashful, pretty little girl by the hand with the agreeable news that though only twelve years old she could read both French and English, and thought it was quite proper to pronounce plough ploff and dough duff.

TO BE CONTINUED.

Original Sonnets.

SONNETS.

WRITTEN FOR THE SATURDAY EVENING POST, BY THE LEYDON BARD.

I.

FANCY.

A beautiful bird on the breath of spring,
Of Paradise feature and graceful wing,
Came floating along through the azure sky
As rosy morn burst o'er the hill-tops high.
O'er cascade and streamlet, through fairy bowers,
Where pearly dews sparkled on laughing flowers,
It playfully sported its waving plume,
And breathed the delights of their rare perfume.
Ah! bright were the gems of each magic scene
That graced the modest of that elfin queen!
Sweet music announced her with lingering swell,
And fresh incense flushed where her soft glance fell
Till weary she fled the enraptured right,
More beautiful still in her fading flight!

II.

REASON.

Within his lonely and obscured retreat
Aged Reason, couched in his time honored seat,
Sat all in silence, calmly pondering o'er
An antique volume of mysterious lore,
With thoughtful brow he scann'd the classic page
To grasp the treasures of his favorite sage;
And as he clutched the mental of the tale,
A changing smile stole o'er his features pale;
For lo! a mine of wisdom it revealed,
Which eighteen hundred years had been concealed!
"Ha! they are mine at last!" his lips exclaimed,
"Glory and honors, fortune, lasting fame,
Nature I've probed, and lo! her secret decree,
Mankind are equal—let them hence be free!"

III.

LIFE.

Life is a spell that binds man down to earth
With pondrous fetters under nature's laws,
Whose power he hardly counts from early birth,
And hurries years to win their proud applause.
All life is but a weary struggle here
To burst asunder these confining chains;
And breath a new existence in some sphere
Where lasting bliss defies consuming pains.
Each step is guided by some deep design;
Each word well weighed against o'spending chain;
Each action but a prayer to name fond shrine,
Where grate fel light may beautify his tomb!
These are its symbols—misery—discord—strife;
And then their great progenitor, Oh Love!

IV.

DEATH.

Death is the breaking of that mystic spell
Which links the soul within the human breast;
Freeing the spirit from this mortal cell
To journey onward to its destined rest,
The end of actions; when with dread command
A solemn dissolution sends in twain
The immortal spark which flies to spirit-land,
And mortal coil, that melts to earth again!
The humbling of the great, the bold, the proud;
The blessing of the wretched and distressed;
The final fold of Time's devouring shroud
Through dark decay and mould'ring forms expressed—
Thus commemorated by mine's parting breath,
Eternity begins with thee, Oh DEATH!

A Touching Story.

A HEAD STONE.

BY PROFESSOR WILSON.

The coffin was let down to the bottom of the grave, the planks were removed from the hoaped up brink, the first rattling clods had struck their knell, the quick shovelling was over, and the long, broad, skilfully cut pieces of turf were aptly joined together, and trimly laid by the beating spade, so that the newest mound in the church-yard was scarcely distinguished from those that were grown over by the undisturbed grass and daisies of a hundred summer seasons. The burial was soon over, and the party with one consenting motion, having uncovered their heads in decent reverence of the place and occasion, were beginning to separate and about to leave the church-yard. Here some acquaintances from distant parts of the parish, who had not had an opportunity of addressing each other in the house that had belonged to the deceased, met in the course of the hundred yards that the little procession had to move from his bed to his grave, were shaking hands quietly but cheerfully, and enquiring after the welfare of each other's families. There, a knot of neighbors were speaking, without exaggeration, of the respectable character which the deceased had borne, and mentioning to one another the little incidents of his life, some of them so remote as to be known only to the grey-headed persons of the group. While a few yards further, removed from the spot, were standing together parties who discussed ordinary concerns, altogether unconnected with the funeral; such as the state of the markets, the promise of the season, or change of tenants; but still with a sobriety of manner and voice that was insensibly produced by the influence of the simple ceremony now closed, by the quiet graves around, and the shadow of the spire and gray walls of the house of God.

Two men, yet stood together at the head of the grave with severe and unimpassioned grief. They were brothers—the only sons of him who had been buried and there was something in their situation that naturally kept the eyes of many directed upon them for a long time, and more intently than would have been the case had there been nothing more observable about them than the common symptoms of common sorrow. But these two brothers who were standing at the head of their father's grave, had for some years been totally estranged from each other, and the only words that had passed between them during all that time, had been uttered within a few days past, during the necessary preparations for the old man's funeral.

No deep and deadly quarrel was between these brothers, and neither of them could distinctly tell the cause of this unnatural estrangement. Perhaps jealousies of their father's favor, selfish thoughts that will sometimes force themselves into poor men's hearts, respecting temporal expectations, unaccommodating manners on both sides; taunting words that mean little when uttered, but which rankle and fester in remembrance; imagined opposition of interests, that, duly considered, would have been one and the same; these and many other causes, slight when single, but strong when rising up together in one baneful band, had gradually and totally infected their hearts, till at last they who in youth had been seldom separate, and truly attached, now met at market, and, unfavorable to say, at church, with dark and averted faces, like different clansmen during a feud.

Surely if anything could have softened their hearts towards each other, it must have been to stand silently side by side, while the earth, stones and clods were falling down upon their father's coffin. And doubtless their hearts were so softened. But pride, though it cannot prevent the holy affections of nature from being felt, may prevent them from being shown, and these two brothers stood there together, determined not to let each other know the mutual tenderness that in spite of them was gushing up in their hearts, and touching them the unclothed fully and wickedness of their causeless quarrel.

A head-stone had been prepared, and a person came forward to plant it—a plain stone, with a sand glass, scull and cross-bones, chiselled, not rudely, and a few words inscribed. The younger brother regarded the operation with a troubled eye, and said, loudly enough to be heard by several of the bystanders—"William, this is not kind in you—you should have told me of this. I loved my father as well as you could have loved him. You were the elder, and it may be, the favorite son, but I had a right in nature to have joined you in ordering this head-stone, had I not?"

During these words the stone was sinking into the earth, and many persons who were on their way from the grave, returned. For a while the elder brother said nothing, for he had a consciousness in his heart that he ought to have consulted his father's son in designating this last mark of affection and respect to his memory; so the stone was planted in silence, and near stood erect, decently and simple, among the other ostentatious memorials of the humble dead.

The inscription merely gave the name and age of the deceased, and told that the stone had been erected by his "affectionate sons." The sight of these words seemed to soften the displeasure of the angry man, and he said, somewhat more mildly,

"Yes, we are his affectionate sons, and since my name is on the stone, I am satisfied, brother. We have not drawn together kindly of late years and perhaps never may; but I acknowledge and respect your worth, and here, before our own friends, and before the friends of our father, with my foot above his head, I express my willingness to be on better and other terms with you, and if we cannot command our hearts, let us at least bar out all unkindness."

The minister, who attended the funeral, and had something entrusted to him to say publicly before he left the church-yard, now came forward, and asked the elder brother why he spoke not regarding this matter. He saw that there was something of a cold and sullen pride rising up in his heart, but not easily may any man hope to dismiss from the chamber of his heart even the vilest guest, if once cherished there. With a solemn and almost severe air, he looked upon the relenting man, and then, changing his countenance into serenity, said gently—

Behold how good a thing it is,
And how becoming well,
Together such as brethren are
In unity to dwell.

The time, the place, and this beautiful expression of a chiseled sentiment, quite overcame a heart in which many kind, if not warm affections dwelt, and the man thus appealed to, bowed down his head and wept. "Give me your hand, brother," and it was given, while a murmur of satisfaction arose from all present, and all hearts felt kindlier and more humanely towards each other.

As the brothers stood fervently but compositely, grasping each others hands in the little hollow that lay between the grave of their mother, long since dead, and of their father, whose shroud was hardly not yet still from the fall of dust to dust, the minister stood beside them with a pleasant countenance, and said—"I must fulfil the promise I made to your father on his death bed. I must read to you a few words which his hand wrote at an hour when his tongue denied its office. I must not say that you did your duty to your old father, for did he not often beseech you, apart from one another, for your own sakes as Christians, for his sake, and for the sake of the mother who bare you, and Stephen, who died that you might be born! When the palsy struck him for the last time, you were both absent—nay was it your fault that you were not beside the old man when he died. As long as sense continued with him here, did he think of you, and you two alone. Tears were in his eyes, I saw them there; and on his cheek too, when no breath came from his lips. But of this no more. He died with this paper in his hand; and he made me know that I was to read it to you ere he grave. I now obey him:

"My sons—if you will let my bones lie quiet in the grave, near the dust of your mother, depart not from my burial, till, in the name of God and Christ, you promise to love one another as you used to do. Dear boys, receive my blessing."

Some turned their heads away to hide the tears that needed not to be hidden—and, when the brothers had released each other from a long and sobbing embrace, many went up to them, and in a single word or two, expressed their joy at this perfect reconciliement. The brothers themselves walked away from the church-yard, with the minister to the Manse. On the following Sabbath, they were seen sitting with their families, in the same pew, and it was observed that they read together off the same Bible, when the minister gave out the text; and that they sang together, taking hold of the same psalm-book. The same psalm was sung, (given out at their own request,) of which one verse had been repeated at their father's grave; a larger sum than usual was on that Sabbath found on the plate for the poor, for Love and Charity are sisters. And ever after, both during the years and the troubles of this life, the hearts of the brothers were as one, and in nothing were they divided.

From the Magazines.

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PRECIPITATION.

BY MRS. P. W. R. CAROTHERS.

"And you are really going to be married, Bell?"

"Yes."

There was a pause of several minutes, and both girls looked embarrassed. Isabella Clayton turned to the dressing-glass and hid the confusion that self found her beautiful brow and burst upon her crimson cheek, by arranging her glossy hair anew, though the moment before she had turned away apparently satisfied with the arrangement of her jewelled tresses. Mary Ellett sat still on the low ottoman she occupied, her arms gradually sunk down by her side, her head drooped, and the long silken lashes fell over the inky pale cheek, and but that the lace rose and fell with every swell of her bosom, she would have resembled some fair specimen of statuary brought from these southern European climes where woman's loveliness inspired the poet and the sculptor with the genius to perpetuate its glory.

The bride stole a glance at her companion, and the carnation deepened on her cheek—another, and neck and brow were glowing with the bright carmine that sometimes flushes the alabaster complexion of youthful beauty; but neither girl spoke. The one was the triumphant, the affianced bride of one of those favorites of fortune whom the world flatters into a belief of superiority; the other was the gentle companion of his boyhood, the trusted, but then neglected friend of his youth. Ah, sweet Mary Ellett, thy thoughts are away in the deep wildwood of thy early home; the tinkling of the sheep-bell is in thine ear, and the soft gurgling of the brook over its pebbly bed, but most musical of all is the gay ringing voice of Theodore Morton, thy orphan cousin. Keep the picture bright in thy memory, gentle limner, for nothing in after life will ever prove so fair, though much will be as false.

Isabella was city born and city bred, and no such reminiscences of girlhood came to pale the bright hues of health and hope upon her cheek. Taught from her cradle the artificial conventionalisms of fashionable society, she resembled nature as little as the roses that adorned her bonnet. Early initiated into the world's maxims, she believed the first object of pursuit was the securing a good match that would allow her an establishment within the circles of good society; and without this she believed life not worth having. Several men of fortune had already presented themselves and received successively that degree of encouragement that fashionable ladies can bestow or withdraw at pleasure without committing themselves—for Isabella was scrupulously correct, and, little as she cared for pining a steady heart, would have been shocked at being accused of bestowing one more smile or waiting one more stare with a gentleman than was strictly allowable. At length young Morton presented himself in the hemisphere of fashion, and his handsome person and half a million of dollars at once secured him the approbation of its stars. Caught by the transcendent beauty of Isabella, and charmed by the brilliance of her manners, he fallowed in the magic dance of pleasure, and, almost before he was aware, the tide of burning and passionate admiration had been poured into willing ears, and words had been spoken that could never be recalled, and pledges exchanged ere the delirium of excitement had passed away to give place to the calmer day dreams of happiness that for years, in the old college groves, had made Mary Ellett their theme. True, no word of love had been spoken, no pledge of the betrothal exchanged, but they had grown up one in heart and soul, and both had loved, as none ever love again, while they were nature's children; and now that he was no longer nature's, but the world's and fashion's, Mary was forgotten in his temporary idolatry at the proud beauty. So fascinated was Theodore by the round of frivolities, that seem so charming in the eyes of the young novice, and by which the votaries of fashion try to hedge out the fond sense, that he remembered not his venerable uncle, his more than maternal aunt, the tender nurse of his infancy, nor the quiet and beautiful home of his youth, until an accidental conversation brought them back in all their power to the heart of the bewildered boy.

In Mr. Clayton's parlor some morning visitors were sustaining a lively conversation with Isabella, and much gay badinage was exchanged between the girls in reference to a naval officer who was but just arrived, and who had been the star of attraction at the springs the last season.

"Ah, Bell, it was too cruel to treat the gallant tar so unmercifully," said a lady, with an audible sigh, while a smile struggled still to display her white teeth.

"Indeed, you were mistaken," replied Bell, gravely; "it was Mary Ellett, the pale girl, who always walked with her father, who was the object of the gallant tar's addresses."

"Yes, indeed, I recollect," said another young lady. "Many thought she had caught him, but I believe he slipped through her net."

"That was the girl for whom the rich Georgian proposed," observed the first speaker, "and the silly fool rejected him because he was old and yellow, and she poor and certainly not handsome."

The gliding in of a new circle of visitors and the departure of the first, allowed Theodore time to reflect. His thoughts arranged themselves for their temporary abdication, and vividly rose before him the images of his beloved and neglected relations. "And I have ventured to make so important, so momentous a step, without even the poor compliment of bestowing my confidence on my dear and faithful old guardians. And then, too, Mary! But we have not time to soliloquize with the youth of two and twenty, who, just emancipated from college restraints and possessed of large fortune, was already gaidly driving in the round of folly. Passing through the city in his way home, from which he had been absent for years, he determined to spend a few weeks in participating in its pleasures, and ere a few days had elapsed, he had forfeited his so lately acquired liberty. He had not paused in his mad career of passion, to consult his friends, but now that he heard their names pronounced by strange lips, an undefinable emotion of jealous regret took possession of his heart, and he that a moment before had hung entranced over the instrument from which Isabella was drawing sounds that he thought might charm an angel to linger at her side, was now impatient to be gone. Isabella had marked the gloom that settled over his brow, but unknowing the cause, she waited till the departure of their last guest, and then, with the graceful ease of girlhood, she passed her arm through his and walked through the now deserted apartments. Her winning tenderness awoke the slumbering spirit of passion, an adulation, and for a few minutes he again poured forth those accents so dear to her vanity; but soon the shade passed over his eyes, his colour changed, and though he walked beside her, his air was so abstracted that Isabella, piqued at his neglect, reproached him for becoming tired of her society already.

"Nay, dearest, that could not be; but I heard names to-day that recalled me from the delirium of love in which I have existed for the last fortnight." Then altering his manner, as if some painful thought stung him, he abruptly turned towards Isabella. "Do you know Mary Ellett?"

The deepest crimson that can blush through the transparent cheek of woman dyed Isabella's as she replied, hastily—"No—yes—that is, she was the passing acquaintance of a temporary association at the springs last summer. But why do you ask?" she said, raising her eyes that had drooped beneath his keen, nay, almost stern scrutiny.

"Because she is my own dear Mary, my uncle's daughter, the daughter of her who nursed me into life in her maternal bosom. They spoke contemptuously of her to-day. I must return directly to my uncle's. I was on my way thither when I met with you; Isabella, and you have made me forgettful of all I most value."

Isabella was thunderstruck. Once before Mary Ellett had crossed her path and snatched from her the proudest trophy in her garland of conquests. It was not to be endured; but the rich prey must not be suffered to escape, and she beat her fair head in seeming sympathy with Theodore's feelings as he poured out the full tide of all his latent fondness for his relations, and while internally wishing her at Jerusalem, was contriving some scheme to keep them separate until their engagement should become irrevocable. It was at length arranged that Theodore should proceed to his uncle's, bearing a letter to Mary praying her instant presence as bridesmaid to consult as to the throw-and etcetera of a bride's toilette. Instantly sitting down to her task, Isabella penned so affectionate a letter to Mary, that she fancied she could not

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OUR WEEKLY GOSSIP.

Old Winter has given us a "let up" for the last few days, ushering in the New Year so blandly as Spring! On Monday so mild was the air, and so lustrous the sky, that people came out in crowds along Chestnut street, and the planet Venus could be distinctly seen at noon-day. The thoroughfares were alive with pedestrians. The rich and happy, in gay attire, went laughingly by; while the poor, who had shivered in their damp cellars, crept out from under ground, and looked up with tears of thankfulness to the genial sky.

In the political world, however, there is just now a black cloud, which some think, "big with portents," and ominous of war. Our Washington Letter gives an account of the debate in the House in reference to Oregon, from which it will be seen that a majority of that body, headed by John Quincy Adams, is apparently in favor of the whole of Oregon or none. The discovery of this fact has created quite a sensation in our cities. Our nominal men were beginning, after Mr. Calhoun's speech, to grow quiet and composed about the war question, when suddenly the remarks of Mr. Adams came, like the dash of a hail-storm, and done up their sensibilities. A partial panic has been the result. This is the more strange, since even Mr. Adams himself, does not consider a war probable. The subject, however, has been considered so engrossing, that little else has been thought or spoken of during the past week.

Our last issue will speak our sentiments on this subject; and as those of an independent and unpopular paper they may possibly be more relied on than the hap-hazard assertions of ignorant letter writers, or the intentional misrepresentations of factious newspapers, writing for political capital. In a word, then, *there is no fear of war.* We say this on a review of all the circumstances. The stand that the giving notice to England to terminate the joint occupancy can effect, will be a composition, or settlement of the question by indemnities, before the year is up.

The debate in the House does not surprise us. We have been expecting all along that when this Oregon question came up, a good deal of the surplus steam in the House would be let off, and more war like speeches made in a week than the nation would care to digest in a twelvemonth. It is very evident that neither party is willing to be outdone by the other in bluster and bombast patriotism. If the Democrats talk big, the Whigs brag as high; neither side wishes their constituents to think them wanting in the national honor. Nor is either party disposed to get the reputation of a "British" party, by opposing a war now. When, however, the crisis comes, enough of both parties will be found willing to avert, by their votes, so dreadful a calamity. A compromise will then be very quickly managed.

In the meantime any measures taken, by either House, to place the country in a better state of defence should give no alarm. Our fortifications, generally, are in a most deplorable condition. For an instance we may take those of the harbor of Philadelphia, which are so inefficient that an enemy, by means of steamers, might reach this city in twenty-four hours. Besides, though war is improbable, it is not yet impossible. England might refuse to take the 49th degree, or contingencies, as yet unseen, might arise. Under these circumstances, necessary measures of defence, which have been too long postponed, ought to be adopted.

Besides, the northern Whigs are not unwilling to invest the country in extensive appropriations for national defence in order, by these means, to maintain the tariff, and avert from themselves, as we said before, the charge of being friends of England. On the other hand, the Southern members, who hitherto have said so much in favor of a war, when such a crisis shall be rendered probable by the action of the north, will strive for peace in order to preserve their cotton interest. The remarks of Mr. Dougham on the one side, and of Mr. Rhett on the other, made during the late debate, pave out to these sentiments. In fact the present agitations on the Oregon question are nothing more than the skillful moves of opposite parties to check-mate each other in the game of popularity. Neither party cares to be thought averse to a war; yet neither wishes to assume the responsibility of one.

We have written thus plainly, because it is time somebody spoke out. We have no idea of seeing the country frightened by the bluster of a few party journals, or the warlike tone of members seeking popularity. The good sense of the nation we know to be in favor of peace—the administration and the Senate are also opposed to war; and however near we may swing to an open declaration of hostilities, there is, in the right quarter, a sheet anchor, which will bring us up before we strike. Having thus disburdened our minds on this question, we shall not return to it again unless some new phase of affairs develops itself.

THE PITTSBURG FUND.

All who contributed to the Pittsburg Fund will naturally wish to know how it has been applied. Last week the final report of the Committee of Distribution was made to the Pittsburg City Councils. The report says that $161,245 37 has been received from the Treasurer of the Relief Fund—that 1,210 claims for losses by the fire had been adjudged—that checks had been issued to the amount of $160,017—leaving a balance of $630 37 in Bank. The Treasurer has on hand about $9,340 00—and recommends the distribution thereof. The balance of $20,000 from the State has not been received. Accompanying the report was a list of the names of those who had received of the Fund. The Committee also recommend:—First, that George Darsie, Esq., be authorized to draw the balance of $20,000, still remaining in the hands of the State Treasurer, of State gratuity. Second, that all those whose losses by the fire of the 10th of April, shall be less than $5,000, shall receive such additional aid as will make up 25 per cent. upon such losses. Third, that all whose losses range between $5,000 and $8,000, shall receive $100 in addition to the assistance already afforded them from the relief fund. Fourth, that all whose losses exceed the sum of $8,000 shall receive $150 as above. Fifth, that the Treasurer of the Relief Fund be authorized to sell all the surplus money in his possession, and deposit such funds as he may have on hand in one or more banks of that city. Sixth, that a committee of five gentlemen be appointed to examine the vouchers and audit the Treasurer and the Committee on distribution. The recommendations of the Committee were concurred in.

JERSEY AWAKING.

Our gallant neighbor is bestirring herself in a manner to put Pennsylvania outstripped to the chase. At the next Legislature applications for charters will be made for several large manufactories. A Cotton Factory charter will be applied for from May's Landing, Atlantic county, with a capital of $100,000. A great Iron Manufacturing Company is applied for from Camden, and application will also be made to incorporate a company for the manufacture of Colon's Patent Clocks, with a capital of $100,000, to be located at Bellevile. Another application will be made from Jersey City for a charter for the American Printer's Company, with a capital of $200,000 but with privilege to commence business when $50,000 is paid in, for the sale, on commission, of American manufactures and the materials of which they are composed.

CRIME AT NAUVOO.

The New York Tribune makes some very severe charges against the Mormons in Illinois, and these charges, if all true, must be borne out by the Mormons (Saints) which, they say, they can. These charges are that some time last summer a party in Nauvoo, the whole, or nearly principally of Mormons, robbed and Americans half robbed and shamed, slightly murdered. The property found is said to be immense, $1,500 having been paid out at a mill owned by a Mormon in Iowa, for corn meal. The opinion of the opposition mass meeting was unanimous, which was held for 75, 50 and 25 cents for the dollar. That for which the highest price was asked, is said to be as pocket as to escape the most rigid scrutiny of the eye—the outer coat being of pure silver, and the alloy so completely covered, as to prevent detection in any other way than by cutting. Twelve bills of indictment have been in Court, the Grand Jury of the United States, embracing against different persons in the constituting men of the "Holy Ones."

Vague charges also made by the Sangamon Journal against the Mormons for manufacturing counterfeit to be their enemies. The Virginia, it is said, are seized by men deputed for the purpose, a leather strap placed around the neck, so that if the least resistance be made, they are choked; and in this condition they are taken off to a dark, secluded in the middle of the river, their hearts ripped open, and their bodies sunk. This is what is termed making "catfish bait" of their enemies. It is said that quite a number of persons were disposed of in this manner.

It is also said that the business of stealing is reduced to a regular system; that there are three parties concerned in the matter—one of which ascertains the names and locations of persons in want—another is directed to procure provisions, which, when procured, are to be deposited in a certain place—and a third party deals out the provisions to the destitute. So that, unless the goods are found in the hands of those who first take them, the true thieves are not likely to be discovered.

Gov. Ford refused to lend the military force, to assist in arresting the parties against whom the indictment had been found; consequently the officer had to depart alone to Nauvoo, but it was not supposed that he would be able to secure his prisoners. The Sangamon Journal says that the people in its vicinity are quite indignant. We have no doubt that Nauvoo is a nest of rascality, for bad men would naturally resort there, but whether the Mormons, as a body, are rogues, remains yet to be proved.

WONDERFUL STYPTIC.

The editor of the "Courrier des Etats Unis," who has just returned from Paris, relates some curious and even wonderful cures which he saw performed by the *Rochori Water*, a new styptic invented by a Neapolitan chemist by the name of Rocchori. Every one knows the comparative inability of surgery to arrest sudden hemorrhages, especially of the arteries—injuries which are so rapid in their consequences that the patient is often dying before the usual remedies can be applied. Mr. Rocchori has obviated this difficulty. In the experiment which M. Gallatchet, the editor of the "Courrier," witnessed, two operators divided the carotid artery of two sheep. The one was immediately put into the hands of surgeons to be treated according to the best methods known to science—the other was treated with the *Rocchori water*. The animal treated scientific ortem, or scientifically, died of the hemorrhage—the other, dressed with this marvellous water, was running *about and eating twenty minutes afterwards!* This caused the famous *Lafrave* to exclaim, "Gentlemen here is a result which may be summed up in two words—here is death and there is life."

When the lint which had been stamped in this water was removed, the wound was found perfectly dry and free from any tinge of blood. The doctors struck with this, caused the animal to be killed, and on dissecting to the artery it was found that there was no scar, but an artificial membrane in the vessel, thus seeming to prove that by its action on the fibrous of the blood, it produced a new organization of the tissue.

Mr. Blest has ascertained that in the different slaughter houses of Paris, in the course of one year, 1145 cases of severe cuts sustained by the butcher boys, had been cured by this water in an average of twenty minutes each.

Other extraordinary cures have been effected by it, especially in checking spitting of blood, which is now under the control of the physicians—and external wounds may be cured by it, almost with the watch in hand.

M Gallatchet adds, that the experiments he witnessed were made at the instigation of the commander of the Cavalry in Paris, with a view to the introduction of this remedy into the military hospitals.

CAPT. NATHAN HALE.

An effort is being made to raise funds for a monument to this devoted officer. It will be recollected that he entered the British lines, during the Revolutionary war, in order to obtain important intelligence. The mission could not be confided to meaner hands; and Hale, at the solicitation of Washington, undertook the perilous duty, though against his wishes. He was discovered, and hung as a spy, without even the form of a trial. Andre, who met his death under similar circumstances, has received the highest honors which Great Britain bestows on her dead, his remains being transferred to England at the public expense, and buried with those of heroes, sages and poets, in Westminster Abbey. Our country has done nothing for her Andre. The name of Hale lies dishonored and unknown. It is now proposed to remove this blot from our escutcheon. The monument will be of Quincy granite, to cost two thousand five hundred dollars. One half of this sum is in the hands of a committee; and an appeal is made to citizens for contributions for the remainder. Any sum intended to promote the object, may be addressed to John W Boynton, Esq., South Coventry, Connecticut, that gentleman being the Secretary of the Society for erecting the monument.

SUFFERINGS OF GERMANS.

Owing to the severity of the winter, the poorer German emigrants on the Mississippi have suffered considerably. At Cairo there are some two thousand of them congregated—unfortunate strangers who have been left there from snagged boats and from the impossibility of ascending on account of the ice—and not only have they suffered incredible from the want of food and shelter, but a dysentery of a malignant type has broken out among them, carrying off great numbers. The Memphis Eagle states that on the 19th ult., a Captain O'Hare, the commander of the steamboat Independence, put ashore on one of the islands of the Mississippi, about a hundred passengers, chiefly German immigrants, giving as a reason for so doing that the water on the bar at that point was too shallow to permit his boat to pass. When landed, he proceeded on his way, and deserted them, with the knowledge that they would have no shelter during an inclement night, without food, and without any covering but the clothes they had on. Seven of the sufferers were taken on board of the steamboat Empress the next morning, the rest having wandered off in search of food and shelter. Really such cruelty on that of Captain O'Hare is more than inhuman.

CHARITABLE BEQUESTS.

Oliver Smith, of Hatfield, Mass., lately deceased, has left nearly half a million of dollars to charitable purposes. $200,000 is given to Northampton for the establishment of an agricultural school, but not to go into operation until the above named sum is doubled. $50,000 is given to eight towns, viz—Northampton, Hadley, Amherst, Hatfield, Williamsburg, Deerfield, Greenfield and Whately, as a permanent fund for the benefit of orphan children and children of the poorer classes. The fund is to be managed by trustees. Another large and rather novel bequest is made to the same number of towns, and probably the same towns, to be paid to such young and worthy man or woman within the same, upon the event of his or her marriage. $10,000 is to go to the Colonization Society.

THE DEAD ALIVE.

Some time since, we stated that the whale ship, Minerva Smythe, had touched at Fayal and reported the loss of a boat, containing the first officer, and five men, taken down by a sperm whale. A St. John, N. B., paper now informs us, that the barque Gaspar, just arrived at that port, had picked up, on the 11th of November, the identical boat and her crew, lost from the Minerva Smyth. The men are all alive and well.

NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD.

In accordance with the recommendation of Gov. Graham, of N. C., the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad, which was sold at Public auction on the 29th ult., was bought by the State for $600,000. This railroad cost a million and a half of dollars.

STEAMBOAT DISASTER.

One of the most terrible disasters we have had to record on a large scale, occurred in the late gale of the preceding week, on the Mississippi, on the night of the 29th. The steamboat Edinburgh, Capt. Wilson, was on her way from St. Louis to New Orleans, with a large cargo of merchandise, and a number of passengers, and was within a few miles of Memphis, when the alarm of fire was given. The flames had gained such ascendancy, that the crew could do but little towards extinguishing them. At two o'clock in the morning, the boat was run ashore, and all hands left her, and on suddenly there blew a gale, and she was soon in flames. The boat was a total loss, and the loss of property and baggage of the passengers is very great. The number of persons lost is not known, but it is supposed that about twenty persons perished. The boat was valued at $70,000 and was insured for $40,000. The Memphis Eagle says that the Edinburgh was a boat of great strength, and was considered safe in the hands of her commander, who was a man of great nerve and presence of mind

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TO DISTANT PUBLISHERS.

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POST OFFICE, *Mobile, Pa., September 15, 1845*

Received from John Halsey, two dollars for subscription to the Philadelphia "Saturday Evening Post," from which I have deducted one per cent and charged myself with the amount thus paid me in my accounts with the Government. The Post Master at Philadelphia will pay the same to the Publisher, on the presentation of the receipt properly endorsed.

(Signed) JAMES JORDAN, Post Master.

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To the Post Master at Philadelphia

SIR—I have this day received from *John Halsey*, two dollars for subscription to the Philadelphia "Saturday Evening Post," with which I have charged myself in my accounts with Government, agreeably to the Post Office regulations.

(Signed) JAMES JORDAN, Post Master.

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Notices of New Works.

GODEY'S MAGAZINE, *for January, 1846.*—All the Philadelphia magazines have come out, this year, more beautiful than ever; and in the race of improvement Godey does not fall behind. The present number is really a superb one. The first plate is a magnificent mezzotint of Tucker, representing a lovely young female caressing a canary bird. This is really one of the finest engravings we have ever seen in Godey. Next follows a likeness of Miss Leslie, most admirably engraved. To this succeeds a view of the ruins of Jamestown, Va.; and a sweet specimen of "Mazurka Fashions" completes the array. In its literary contents this number is quite a gem. The sketch by Miss Leslie, is racy, graphic and life like. "Catherine Seaton," by Angela Holl—a new writer we believe—is a story that will absorb every reader's attention. Mr. F. W. R. Carothers furnishes a tale, which we commence in our columns this week, and we think therefore our readers can judge for themselves. "Building and Blossoming," by John Neal, like all his other sketches, is odd, but full of talent. Altogether this old and favorite periodical lets fair to be even better than ever for 1846.

T. B. Peterson, No 98 Chestnut street.

ENGINEERS' AND MECHANICS' COMPANION. 1 vol. *By I. McNeill Stockman, A. M. New York: Huntington & Savage. Philadelphia: T. B. Peterson, No 98 Chestnut Street.* 1846. This is one of the best works of the kind we have ever seen. Whatever information the engineer or mechanic may wish to know in his line, will be found here stated in the clearest and cleanest manner possible. Among the subjects discussed are the mechanical powers, specific gravities of bodies, hydraulics, hydrostatics, friction, centres of gravity, &c. &c. Several excellent tables are given in the volume, viz—United States weights and measures, tables of squares and cubes, square and cube roots, &c. &c. There is also some valuable information on the steam engine, Mill-wrights, engineers, and artisans generally, will find this work a valuable aid. The present is a second edition, much enlarged and improved.

THE PRACTICAL ASTRONOMER. *By Thomas Dick, L.L. D. Illustrated with one hundred engravings. 1 vol 12mo New York: Harper & Brothers. Philadelphia: Lindsay & Blakiston.* 1845. Dr. Dick's former treatises are a sufficient guarantee of the excellence of this. We have found it an extremely interesting, valuable, and useful book. It is a treatise on the properties of light; and the author, in his usual clear style and pleasant manner, discusses the general qualities of light, its refraction, its colors, &c. The volume contains a particular account of Lord Rosse's mammoth telescope, and a description of the various astronomical instruments now in use. The title of the book, indeed, gives an excellent idea of the scope and character; it is one of the most useful volumes, for practical use, extant.

THE HOLY BIBLE, WITH SCOTT'S COMMENTARY. *Campbell's Quarto Edition. To be completed in about fifty numbers—Price 25 cents each.* The publication of this handsome edition of Scott is again resumed, after a temporary delay, caused by an accident to the stereotype plates. Six numbers, to the 55th inclusive, are now upon our table, and the publisher hopes to complete it by the end of February next. This work is so well known and so generally acceptable to all denominations of Christians, as to need no praise from us. We would, however, call attention to its large clear type and good paper; recommending it to the aged and the young, as the best edition of Scott's Commentary, and the only one in quarto, which has been published in this country.

THE BELFRY OF BRUGES, AND OTHER POEMS. *By H. W. Longfellow. 1 vol. Cambridge: John Owen. Philadelphia: Carey & Hart.*—This is a neat volume of about one hundred and fifty pages, containing a selection of Mr. Longfellow's best poems. The volume is elegantly printed and bound in an illustrated cover. "The Old Clock on the Stair," and "To a Child," are the titles of two poems of great beauty, which we have never before seen in any of Longfellow's published works.

A NEW MAP OF TEXAS, OREGON AND CALIFORNIA. *S. A. Mitchell, Philadelphia.*—Here is what everybody wishes at this juncture—a good map of Texas, Oregon and California. Mr. Mitchell never publishes anything that is not accurate, and this map therefore may be relied on. See his advertisement in another column.

THE LAST OF MILAN. *New York: Harper & Brothers.* This is a reprint of a very readable English novel, got up in the cheap style of Harper & Brothers, for 25 cents. It may be had of *T. B. Peterson, No. 98 Chestnut Street, or of Lindsay & Blakiston.*

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THE WANDERING JEW. No. 9. We have received from *T. B. Peterson, and Lindsay & Blakiston*, a continuation of *Harper & Brothers' illustrated edition of* the Wandering Jew.

HARPER'S ILLUSTRATED SHAKSPEARE. *T. B. Peterson and Lindsay & Blakiston, Philadelphia.* This is kept up with great spirit. The 64th number is the one now on our table.

Various Scraps.

☞ The Grand Duchess of Olga, second daughter of the Emperor of Russia, is in her twenty-third year, and is said to be a noble looking woman. Her father is devotedly fond of her. She is an expert equestrian, and appears on horseback in the Imperial Staff, on field days, and at reviews. The Emperor has given her the command of a regiment of Hussars, of which she is named the Colonel!

☞ A New York paper states that Nell Jennison, of this city, and specially of Welch's Circus, has been left into heir of an immense estate in Scotland, valued at £250,000. The News was brought by the Great Western, and Mr. Jennison embarked for Scotland in the next steamship, to take possession of the goodly fortune.

☞ The States of Tennessee and Georgia seem to be in earnest in their scheme to unite the Atlantic and the Mississippi. The Legislature of Tennessee have chartered a company to construct a railway from Nashville to Chattanooga, the terminus of the Western and Atlantic railroad. The Georgia Legislature have passed a bill to extend the Western and Atlantic railroad. It authorizes the Governor to issue State bonds to an amount not exceeding $15,000 per annum for two years, and to be sold for less than their par value. This appropriation, it is thought, will continue the road to Cross Plains.

☞ It is stated in the Detroit Daily Advertiser, that a child was recently born in that vicinity, and is now living, which is entirely without arms. It has shoulder blades, and at the place where the shoulder joint should be, there is a small cicatrix, or scar, about the bigness of a small pea. Its right leg descends to the knee, to which the foot is affixed, and moves freely. Its left leg is perfect to the foot, which is clubbed in a very singular manner, the first projecting outward and upward, and the toes being pointed toward the head. There are but four toes each on the foot.

☞ The Prague Gazette, in announcing the death of a M. Lolekmar, an Israelite merchant at the age of 71, states that about fifty years ago he arrived in that city on foot without money, but by force of industry and economy had since amassed a fortune of nearly 6,000,000 florins, the greater part of which he has bequeathed for the encouragement of the arts and sciences and commerce and manufactures, and for the relief of the unfortunate of all nations. About 2,500,000 francs, have fallen to the benevolent institutions of the principal towns of Bohemia.

☞ A young girl about twelve years of age, named Susan Bump, of Bridgewater, Massachusetts, was accidentally killed on Sunday week, by her brother. He took up the gun supposing it was unloaded, aimed and discharged it at her. She lived but a few moments, only uttering the exclamation—"Oh! you have shot me!" The frequency of accidents of this kind calls for especial care in the handling of fire-arms.

☞ The actual receipts of the Charleston Custom House, commencing the 1st of October, and ending the 31st December, 1845, amount to $78,500.

MESSAGE

OF THE GOVERNOR OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The Pennsylvania Legislature met at Harrisburg on Tuesday, when both Houses organized, Democratic speakers being chosen in both Houses. The Message of the Governor was delivered on Wednesday.

The Governor, in this document, speaks of the general health and prosperity which has distinguished the citizens of this Commonwealth the past year. He adverts to the successful efforts of the State to pay the interest of her debt. He gives a qualified opinion as to any alteration in the Tariff, speaking on this subject only in general terms. He seems to be in favor of an Independent Treasury. The Banking capital of the State, he says, is already sufficient, and he recommends that a clause requiring individual liability on the part of the stockholders, should be inserted in all charters of renewal. He speaks also in favor of urging Congress to finish the removal of the obstructions in the Ohio. Of the benefits of the Common School system, both in theory and practical working, he speaks in elevated terms.

The internal improvements of the State, he says, show a great increase of the business transacted on them. The discussion of the militia system he waives, but he pays a high compliment to our volunteers.

The most gratifying fact in the Message is the announcement that there is already in the Treasury sufficient funds to meet the interest due in February. We copy the whole portion of the Message relating to our financial affairs.

The public debt of Pennsylvania, on the 1st of December, 1845, as appears from the report of the Auditor General, was as follows:

Funded debt,	$30,959,267 62
Relief Notes in circulation,	1,259,572 00
Interest Certificates outstanding, with interest thereon,	2,989,853 30
Due to Domestic Creditors,	90,730 43
	$35,299,423 35
The Interest upon which, according to the Auditor General's computation for 1846, is	$2,082,956 60
The balance in the Treasury on the 1st December, 1844, was	963,851 88
The receipts into the same, during the year ending on the 30th November last, as appears in detail by the reports of Auditor General and State Treasurer, were	3,010,012 34
Making an aggregate sum of	$3,973,913 22
The payments from the Treasury, during the same period, were according to the reports of the same officers, which being deducted from the above, shows the balance in the Treasury, on the 1st Dec., 1845, being less by $278,952 79, than it was on the 1st Dec. 1844	3,695,960 43
The next amount of available outstanding taxes on real and personal estate, after making allowances for collections and reconversions, on the 1st Dec., 1844, was estimated by the late State Treasurer at $887,201 71. It appears, however, from a subsequent estimate, founded upon more full returns, and a more accurate knowledge of the extent of accessions that the amount actually outstanding on that day, was	$1,049,776 43
The net and available amount outstanding on the 1st Dec., 1845, is estimated at	874,544 50
The amount of outstanding taxes on the 1st Dec., 1845 is, therefore, less than it was on the 1st Dec., 1844, by the sum of	175,236 93
Adding to this sum the difference between the balance in the Treasury on the 1st Dec., 1844, and the 1st December, 1845, we have an aggregate reduction of the balance in the Treasury, and of outstanding taxes on the 1st day of December, 1845, as compared with the same items on the 1st December, 1844, of	$419,905 79

From this statement it is apparent, that the receipts into the Treasury, during the year, derived from taxation on real and personal estate, and other sources of revenue properly belonging to the year, were less than the demands upon the Treasury for the same period, by the amount above stated. And it is also apparent, that if the Legislature had not postponed the payment of the domestic creditors and the interest on the certificates issued for interest, and if the cancellation of a portion of the relief notes required under existing laws to be cancelled, had not been deferred, the whole balance in the Treasury would have been exhausted on the 1st of December last.

For the purpose of convenient reference, I have appended to this communication, a summary statement (marked A.) of the receipts and expenditures of the past year, with an estimate, prepared with much care and deliberation, for the current year, ending on the 30th November, 1846.

According to this, the receipts of the year from all sources, including $1,390,000, from taxes on real and personal estate, will be | $3,217,700 00
Which added to the balance in the Treasury on the 1st December, 1845, | 394,994 00
Makes an aggregate of | $3,600,500 00
Deducting from which, the estimated payments during the same period, | $3,413,164 00
We arrive at an estimated balance in the Treasury on the 1st day of December, 1846, of | $80,340 00
Which is less by $396,394 07, than it was on the 1st of December, 1845
The amount of outstanding taxes on real and personal estate, considered available, on the 1st December, 1845, was | $875,544 50
To this is to be added the assessment for 1846, which, according to the best estimates, will yield a net revenue, after deducting allowances for expenses of collections and reconversions, of | $4,150 000 00
Making an aggregate of, | $5,024,544 50
If from this aggregate, we deduct the estimated collections from these sources, during the year 1846, | $3,190,000 00
The difference will be the estimated amount of taxes, which on the 1st of December, 1846, will remain outstanding; being $1,834,544 50 less than was outstanding on the 1st day of December, 1845. When to the reductions, then to take place, in the outstanding taxes with the current year, | $190,000 00
We add the difference between the balance in the Treasury, on the 1st day of December, 1845, and the estimated balance in the Treasury on the 1st Dec. 1846, | $206,396 07
We arrive at an aggregate reduction of these two items, within the fiscal year, ending 30th Nov. 1846, of | $416,396 00

From this view of the subject, it is apparent that the assessment of the year 1846, on real and personal estates, and the revenue of the year properly derivable from all other sources, taken together, will be insufficient to meet the demands upon the Treasury during the same period, by the sum of $416,396 00, and that in supplying the deficiency, the balance in the Treasury, on the 1st of December, 1846, will have been reduced to $80,340 00 and the arrears of outstanding taxes, to the sum of $704,544 50.

It is plain, therefore, that our present financial system is inadequate to supply the means of meeting all the demands on the Treasury, except when aided from the balance which had accumulated before the payment of interest was resumed, and by collections from the arrearages of taxes of former years—both of which, will soon be exhausted.

I am constrained to add, that all these calculations and estimates, presupposes that the demands on the Treasury will not be permitted to transcend those authorized by law, and that no appropriations will be made by the Legislature for new objects. These are not anticipated, because in the present state of the finances, every new appropriation may well be regarded, not as a grant of money originally unclaimed in the Treasury, but rather as an abstraction of funds, previously appropriated already, and rightfully belonging to the public creditors.

In consequence of the inadequacy of the present taxes permanently to meet the interest, the Governor urges on the Legislature the adoption of other measures to sustain the faith of the State.

Legislative.

MESSAGE OF THE GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND.—This message was delivered last week. The gratifying fact is stated, that during the year more taxes have been collected than would pay the whole interest on the public debt—the collections being $710,784 21—the interest being $655,421 20. There remained due for arrears of interest on the 1st of December, 1845, $1,276,491 20, being $55,363 31 less than was due on the 1st of December, 1844. The sinking fund of the State was on the 1st December, 1845, $1,034,020, and it is certain, that it will, in the time limited by law, amount to enough to pay off the whole debt. The entire debt of the State, bearing interest, is $11,366,784 28.

He suggests that if it shall be decided, as he seems to think it should, to resume the cash payment of interest on the 1st of October, 1846, that it will be necessary to fund the arrearages of interest due on the 1st of July, 1846. He then recommends the tax laws, and suggests such alterations in them as will make them more effective.

The receipts from the "Stamp Act" it is estimated will amount to $100,000 at the end of the year, for which it went into operation; and he recommends that it be extended to all instruments which were, by the decision of the Court of Appeals, declared to be excluded by the phraseology of the existing law. He also recommends that lottery tickets be also required to be stamped.

MESSAGE OF THE GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK.—Gov. Wright's Message was delivered on Tuesday, the 6th inst. A large portion of it is devoted to the Anti-Rent difficulties. He gives a history of that affair; and of the measures taken to maintain the laws. But now that the law is vindicated he recommends that such of the grievances of the Anti-Rent tenants as are *real*, should be redressed—for instance, he thinks that leasehold estates on the old plan, as well the right of distress for rent should hereafter be abolished. Of the Canals he speaks at length. The revenue is comparatively in a flourishing condition. For Teacher's salaries there has been expended during the last year, $1,087,884 72. The Message agrees with that of President Polk on the subject of the Tariff and Independent Treasury.

Fires.

☞ The extensive leather factory at Borchert's Bridge, Manheim, (N. Y.) occupied by Messrs. A. Griswold & Son, was consumed by fire on the 20th ult. The establishment was 250 feet in length, with an extension corresponding to the basement of the main building of 100 feet further. About 4,000 sides of sole leather in the building were consumed, and the burning building having fallen, in a great part into the vats, occasioned still further loss. The value of the property destroyed is set down at $40,000, and Messrs. Griswold & Son have no insurance.

☞ On Thursday evening of last week, at half past 11 o'clock, the Rockaway House, Phillips Beach, Mass., took fire and was burnt to the ground, with all its contents. It is reported that a chimney had blown down, and that the snow and rain had run out of the upper bed-rooms, that a stove was put in to dry it—and the fire was communicated to the room.

☞ The Shovel Factory belonging to Mr. Geo. W King, at Raynham, Mass., was consumed by fire on Thursday night week, with its contents. The loss is about $1,000 and no insurance. Mr. King had made partial arrangements for an insurance to take effect on the first of January.

☞ The jail at Whitesboro, N. Y., took fire last week, but the flames were soon extinguished. The prisoners, strange to tell, who were released, rendered efficient service, and when the flames were extinguished, returned voluntarily to their cells!

☞ The dwelling of Mr. P. Mason, in Springfield township, O., was burned to the ground so suddenly that nothing could be saved. Several hundred dollars in silver, which were in the dwelling, were found to be melted into a mass.

☞ The store of Mr. Ferguson, at Geneva, in Wisconsin Territory, took fire on the 18th ult., and was, with its contents, entirely consumed, occasioning a loss of $8,000, upon which there is no insurance.

Army & Navy.

☞ The U. S. ship Marion arrived at Port Praya November 12th, and sailed 15th for the leeward coast. U. S. store ship Southampton, from Norfolk, was at Port Praya, Cape de Verde, Dec. 19. U. S. ship Saratoga was spoken Oct. 11, lat. 35, long. 80, on a cruise. The brig Ottawaty, now at Norfolk, has been chartered by the Government to transport stores to the U. S. squadron on the Coast of Africa, and did leave for Port Praya on the 7th or 8th inst.

SHIPS TO BE FITTED OUT.—The Norfolk Beacon of Friday week says:—We understand that orders were received here on Saturday for commencing an active refitment, of the probable cost of fitting out all the ships afloat, including the Pennsylvania, at our Navy Yard, and those also on the stocks."

POST CAPTAIN.—It is said the President has nominated to the Senate Commander Henry W. Ogden, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Commander Jones. He has been selected over Commanders Grant, Ramsey, Henry and Downing.

THE ARMY AT CORPUS CHRISTI.—The New Orleans Picayune of the 20th ult. contains later advices from Texas, which confirms the accounts of sickness among the troops at Corpus Christi.

Agricultural Items.

NORTHERN COTTON.—Those who suppose that cotton will not grow in a northern climate will learn with surprise that this great staple of the South was produced in perfection last summer in the garden of Capt. Joseph Maither, at Greenbush, N. Y. This cotton grew in the open garden, and without artificial heat. The cotton is of as fine and beautiful a texture as that produced in Alabama.

SUGAR CANE IN GEORGIA.—Hardy Everett, of Scriven county, Georgia, raised three barrels of sugar this season from cane grown on pine land near his residence. It resembles the New Orleans sugar in color, and is of a large and excellent grain.

Religious Intelligence.

SOUTHERN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CONFERENCE.—From the returns laid before the Conference now in session at New Orleans, we learn that the increase in the membership of Mississippi Conference for the year ending the 10th of December, 1845, is 1,401 whites and 1,503 colored. The aggregate number of members is now 14,833 whites, 8,302 colored and 116 Indians; of the two latter numbers the city of New Orleans alone has 1,122 whites and 1,000 colored. There are also in the charge of the Conference 60 Sunday schools, having an aggregate number of 3,340 scholars attending. The sum of $918 has been raised for the purchase of books the last year. There are 247 local and 110 travelling preachers now in the Conference.

Items of News.

☞ During the past year, there have been executed in Washington city, D. C., 236 new buildings, besides 28 shops, and 23 additions. There are now in the city 5,039 dwellings. The population is estimated at 23,771. The improvements made during the year are assessed at $270,822.

☞ In the Virginia House of Delegates, on Monday week, a member introduced a bill for the construction of a railroad from Richmond, on the south side of James River, to some point on the Ohio River, at or below the mouth of the great Kanawha River.

☞ Philadelphia butter, so sweet as a rose, is advertised in the Boston papers.

☞ One of the large elephants exhibited in a menagerie, died at Zanesville, Ohio. He was one of four recently exhibited in this city. A Russian white bear belonging to the same collection of animals also died.

☞ Mr. Lyman D. Scott, an intemperate man, burned his house and himself to it at Moultonn, Vt., on Saturday week. He was about 45 years old, and has left a wife and two children.

☞ The Legislature of Alabama has resolved that the seat of government shall be removed to no place that will not furnish a State House, without expense to the State.

☞ A bill to divorce Mrs. S. C. P. Thomas from her husband, Ex-Governor Francis Thomas, of Maryland, has passed the House of Delegates of Virginia unanimously.

☞ The London correspondent of the Boston Atlas states decidedly that Mrs. Fanny Kemble Butler will not reappear upon the stage in London.

☞ The Governor of Virginia has granted Hunter Hill, now under sentence of death for the murder of Major Smith, a respite for one month.

☞ There is a proposition on foot to erect a monument to Roger Williams, on the ground selected for a public cemetery near Providence.

☞ The beautiful town of Roxbury, Mass., has received, with the consent of the Legislature, to become a City.

The Markets.

SALES OF STOCKS.

400 shares Reading R. R.	28½	28½	28½
255 do. Girard Bank,			8¼
50 do. Harrisburg R. R.			17
25 do. Exchange Bank, Pittsburg,			39
33 do. Western Bank,			40
24 do. Wilmington R. R.			29½
15 do. Man. & Mec. Bank, Phila.			43
15 do. Vicksburg Bank,			17
4 do. Pennsylvania Bank,			109
$2000 Alton House 6's, 1847,			93
$400 Lehigh 6's,			85
$1200 County 5's, 1860, old,			96
$3000 Reading R. R. 6's, 1856,			67½
$2000 Lehigh 6's,			85

PHILADELPHIA MARKET.

Ashes are without change; we quote western $3,38@3,44. *Bark* nominal at $26 for first quality No. 1 quercitron; we hear of no sales. *Coffee*—Since our last weekly review the only transaction has been a sale of 1,000 bags Laguayra on terms not public; prices of all kinds firm with limited stocks. *Cotton*—Sales since last week are limited to a few small lots taken by spinners at full prices; we are advised of about 200 bales at 7 cts for repacked, 7½ for middling, 8@8½ for middling fair uplands, and 9@9½ for New Orleans, cash and 6 mos. the market closes very firm, and holders show no disposition to yield in their prices, owing to the high rates ruling at all the cotton ports. *Fish* only sell in a retail way at previous rates. *Fruit*—The business is confined to small sales from store without change in prices. *Flour and Meal*—The market opened with a little more activity for flour, and holders firm, but the only sales we hear of for export, are about 1800 bbls assorted brands at $5,37½ and 5,75 the pair for half bbls; shippers offer a less rate, and there is more disposition to sell at $5,37½, which is the general asking price; we quote the prices range at $5,37½@5,75 for common and choice brands, with a limited demand. Rye flour is dull at $4@5. Corn Meal—We are advised of a sale of 300 bbls at $3,75. Wheat is but little inquired for, being held above the views of millers, who offer 110 all the fair good reds. Rye—Sources at 70@80c for northern and 75@80c for southern. Corn is without much demand; prices have fallen off; we hear of no sales and quote new southern yellow 61@62c, and southern white 60@61c. Oats—Southern are worth 42c. *Hemp and Hops*—There are no sales made public. *Lead*—Market nominally bear in the absence of sales; we quote at $4,75 in bars. *Molasses*—Several late New Orleans just commenced landing, for which we understand 27½@28 cts have been offered, but hear of no sales. *Naval Stores*—Sales of spirits turpentine at 38c@38c, other kinds no change. *Oils*—Steady at previous rates. *Provisions*—Sales at $2,75@3. *Provisions*—There is little or nothing doing in the market generally, and prices are without alteration since the close of last week. *Rice*—Stocks are increasing and prices are firm with limited sales at 3@3½. *Salt*—A arrival of Turks' Island was previously sold and reported. *Sugar*—Three cargoes of New Orleans arrived since our last weekly review and are now landing; sales have transpired to the extent of 300 hhds at 6c@6½, 4 and 6 mos, and the whole of Upper California, together with the adjoining regions of the State and Territory of Iowa, the Missouri Territory, the Indian Territory, and a considerable portion of Mexico, to be organized into one or more States and Territories, and to be named after some part of British America. It embraces, also, the most recent published information extant, including that derived from Wilcolm's Map of the Canadas, TEN SUBSCRIBERS, and Missouri Rivers; Map of Oregon, by Capt Wilkes, U. S. N. Map of the Exploring in Oregon, California, &c., by Capt. Fremont, U. S. A. the Congressional and other Maps of Texas, the latest Maps of Mexico, &c. The Emigrant Route to Oregon, via the South Pass, and the Traders' Route to Santa Fe, are distinctly traced, and all the Counties in Texas are shown on Map.

Any person who will remit us Five Dollars, shall have Ten Copies of the Map, in sheets folded for the pocket, or mounted on cloth and pasted on rollers, at $50 (40 pages duodecimo,) forwarded by mail, without any delay. The postage will not exceed, at the present rates, ten cents per copy, for the Map and Accompaniments, to any part of the United States. Yours, very respectfully,

S. AUGUSTUS MITCHELL,

Map Establishment, N. E. corner of Market and Seventh streets, Philada. Jan 10 3m

MERCHANT MILL AND WATER POWER.—The subscribers offer for sale their valuable Mill and Water Power, in Springfield, Ohio county, Ohio, on Buck Creek, a never failing spring stream. The mill is a substantial four story brick building, with five sets of 4½ feet French Burrs, with a separate and room for adding another pair. The building and all the machinery are arranged on the most approved principles and in complete order, and there is not a better mill in the county. The mill has been in operation four years and has then for done an extensive business, being situated at the most favorable point in the whole county for obtaining large quantities of wheat and doing an extensive country business. The Railroad from Cincinnati to Lake Erie passes at that time. The regular inquiry is quite high. There have been further sales of 500 or 600 bbls Jersey corn meal for export at $4@4,12½.

Corn is in demand and sales of about 10,000 bushels have been made at 67@70c, the former for export and the latter for distillers. Rye is wanted to some extent at 75@76, and I understand that the higher figure has been bid for large amount. Oats are 47@48 at retail. Barley nominal at 75@77. Barley is very dull, millers being generally out of market.

HEALTH OFFICE, JANUARY, 3, 1846

INTERMENTS

In the city of Philadelphia, Southwark, Northern Liberties, Bloomsbury, Penn Township and Kensington.

From the 27th December to the 3d January

DISEASES	Adults	Children	DISEASES	Adults	Children
Apoplexy,	2	0	Hooping cough,	31	16
Angina Pectoris,	1	0	Erysipelas,	1	0
Asthma,	1	0	Hydrothorax,	5	0
——Stomach,	1	0	Fever, Scarlet,	0	8
Casualties,	8	1	——Typhoid,	1	0
Cholera,	0	1	Gangrene,	1	0
Consumption of the Lungs,	19	1	Gun Shot Wound,	1	0
Convulsions,	0	6	Inflammation of the ——Brain,	0	3
Diarrhœa,	0	1	——Stomach and Bowels,	1	0
Dropsy,	1	0	——Liver,	2	0
——Abdominal,	1	0	——Lungs & Pleura,	2	0
——Head,	0	2	Marasmus,	0	2
——Heart,	0	1	Measles,	0	1
——Tuberculous,	1	0	Old Age,	2	0
——Liver,	1	0	Small Pox,	10	12
——Spine,	1	0	Still Born,	0	5
Debility,	1	0	Suicide,	1	0
Effusion on Brain,	1	0	Varioloid,	0	1
Carried over,	34	16	Total,	196	54

Of the above there were 3 from the almshouse, and 21 people of color, which are included in the total amount.

By order of the Board of Health.

SAMUEL P. MARKS, Clerk

STATE OF THE THERMOMETER

	9 o'clock	12 o'clock	3 o'clock
Dec. 28	28	34	36
29	32	37	40
30	38	41	44
31	36	38	38
Jan. 1	36	38	38
2	30	38	41
3	41	43	41

PAINS IN THE SIDE AND BREAST, headache, loss of appetite, sick stomach, with sometimes a vomiting of bilious matter, costiveness, indigestion, a yellow tinge of the skin and eyes, &c., are the common symptoms of a disease liver. *Wright's Indian Vegetable Pills* well in all cases remove the above disagreeable symptoms, and may be relied on as a certain cure for Liver Complaint. The first few doses will afford immediate relief, and if continued a short time, we as completely to free the system from all morbid and corrupt humors, they will most assuredly restore the body to a state of health.

Wright's Indian Vegetable Pills also cool and improve digestion and purify the blood, and therefore give health and vigor to the whole frame, as well as drive disease of every kind from the body.

It should also be remembered that a man by the name of Wm. M. Spears, who sells medicine purporting to be Indian Pills, in the center of Boston and Court streets, is not an agent of mine, neither can I guarantee so genuine any that he may offer for sale.

The public are also informed that medicine purporting to be improved Indian Pills, made by one G. B. Booth, and sold about the country by different persons, are not the genuine Wright's Indian Vegetable Pills.

The only security against impositions is to purchase from authorized agents only, or at the office and general depot, No. 169 Race Street, Philadelphia, or at the office, No. 193 Tremont street, Boston, and No. 260 Green with street, New York. WILLIAM WRIGHT

DETERSION'S PERIODICAL ESTABLISHMENT, is at No. 86 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, where "Graham's Magazine," "Godey's Lady's Book," The "Ladies' National Magazine," and all the "Magazines" and CHEAP PUBLICATIONS can be obtained. Orders addressed, post paid, to T. R. PETERSON, *No. 98 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia*, will meet with prompt attention.

A IMPORTANT CURE BY DR. JAYNE'S ALTERATIVE. We have been informed by Mrs. Mary Ann Hand, daughter of old Chris. Weiss, that she suffered for a number of years from the growth of a large Cancerous Tumor, which besides its disfigurement, produced a difficulty of deglutition, especially in swallowing solid substances, the pressure upon the wind pipe was so great, as to prevent her sleeping in a recumbent position, and often suffocation appeared imminent. She also labored under colonic indigestion from Liver Complaint and Jaundice, with a terrible pain in the stomach, from which she commenced the use of Dr. Jayne's Alterative, which she took regularly for six or seven weeks, with the unexpected result of perfectly curing the disease, and the Tumor entirely disappeared, and every vestige of the painful Tumor was entirely removed. We think, therefore, that such an expectant remedy should be more generally known.—*Pub lic Ledger.*

Prepared only by Dr. D. Jayne, No. 8 South 3d street, Philadelphia. jan 1-3t

THE IVORY CRUCIFIX WILL BE ON EXHIBITION at MASONIC HALL, Chestnut street, for *three days only*—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. Many were unable to visit in December last, on account of the unfavorable weather—and the proprietor has been induced to delay his further progress westward (returning from Baltimore) that such may have an other opportunity. The exhibition closes Wednesday, P. M., at 3 o'clock. Admittance 25 cents. 1t

CANCER, SCROFULA AND GOITRE.—Ample experience has proved that no combination of medicine has ever been so effectual in removing the above diseases as Jayne's Life Preservative. It has effected cures that have been truly astonishing, not only of Cancer and other diseases of that class, but has removed the most stubborn Diseases of the Skin, Breathings, Dyspepsia, &c. The medicine enters into the circulation, and eradicates disease wherever located. It purifies the blood and other fluids of the body, removes obstruction in the pores of the skin, and reduces enlargements of the glands or bones. It invigorates the appetite, removes headache and drowsiness, and invigorates the whole system, and imparts animation to the diseased and debilitated constitution. There is nothing superior to it in the whole materia medica. It is perfectly safe and extremely pleasant, and has nothing of the disgusting nauseas accompanying the class of vacilating medicines. Prepared only by D. Jayne, No. 8 South 3d street, Philada.

CONSUMPTION, BRONCHITIS, ASTHMA.—No remedy has ever been found to require the above diseases so promptly and efficiently as Jayne's Expectorant. It cleanses the lungs from all irritating matters, while at the same time it heals and invigorates them. Prepared only at No. 8 South 3d street, Philada. Jan 15-3t

50 TRAVELLING MAP AGENTS WANTED.—THE SUBSCRIBER WISHES TO ENGAGE in the sale of his MAPS, and publications a number of young or middle aged men of strictly moral character, to travel in the Western States, for which a liberal salary will be allowed, and a certain district of country will be assigned to each Agent. Testimonials of character will be required. The following are the publications, which are offered under subscription from Lover Complaint and Jacobite, with a terrible pain in the stomach, from which she commenced the use of Dr. Jayne's Alterative, which she took regularly for six or seven weeks, with the unexpected result of perfectly curing the disease, and the Tumor entirely disappeared, and every vestige of the painful Tumor was entirely removed. We think, therefore, that such an expectant remedy should be more generally known.—*Public Ledger.*

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Jan. 1846.	SUN RISES	SUN SETS	MOON RISES	MOON'S AGE
26 Monday,	7 19	4 41	11 32	
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28 Wednesday,	7 19	4 42	1 29	5 D. R. S.
29 Thursday,	7 18	4 42	2 6	
30 Friday,	7 18	4 43	2 42	
31 Saturday,	7 18	4 43	3 16	
1 Sunday,	7 17	4 44	3 49	Full 4 24
2 Monday,	7 17	4 45	4 22	Full 10 7
3 Tuesday,	7 16	4 46	4 56	Last 16 11
4 Wednesday,	7 16	4 46	5 35	New 17 4 M

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NO. 79 SOUTH THIRD STREET, opposite the Philadelphia Exchange and Post Office, manufacture constantly their Patent Salamander Fire and Thief Proof Chests, lined with Soap stone, Isinglass, &c., which they will warrant to stand more fire than any Chest made in the United States, a trial of which we hold ourselves ready at all times to stand any made in the world. We also make Refrigerators lined in the usual way, which are sold cheaper than those lined with soapstone. We still continue to make our celebrated All Chamber Chests, which have never yet been robbed or picked. All the above Chests are made for the protection of books, papers, deeds

A Fine Poem.

THE OLD SOUTHERN FIRE.

BY J. WESLEY HANSON.

[illegible]
Life to look upon the stars and see the Pole—
Yes will find it is rather your fate if we mistake
By the Bird's soaring waters and beside the quiet lake
In sighty calm fields and skirting the willow,
How they gaze the Bird's nest when the summer-
[illegible]
At it looks from the [illegible] the black sky,
How lovingly it embraces the dreary [illegible]
Its head covered with snow-flakes or gaunt with
bright rain;
The cold [illegible] have been in vain offer to vain
Whether Winter permits it, or glad Summer shine,
Undismayed, unmoved, stands the Old Southern Pine!

Proud Tree of my Fatherland! Southern monarch
And rather not o'ershung with his [illegible] honors,
And every in the heart of our broad [illegible]
In the top of the Pines are the bold eagles' eyries!
On hill-top, in valley, all over the land,
The Pine-Trees is strong-hearted company stand.
Nobly I see Independence flight of the Stars,
A Pine-Tree her couplet scattered over the years,
While the rolls o'er the end—Oh, the Flag of the Pine
Should ever be a storm emblem, lofty Pine-Tree,—
And the Deep Red of Freedom with wing all drawn,
Should stream from our flag on an Old Southern Pine!

When the Pilgrim band left the Shrine of Brown,
Their white-gleaming habiliments and Sabbaths
gown,
When they sought to obey her consecrated laws,
And embolded in their God and Religion's dear cause,—
To the new Western World few each vessel's white
wing,
No breeze but a free one through the cordage could sing;
On Old Plymouth Rock they first schered in quiet,
And the cold winds of Tyranny coared their rude flat.
The "Mayflower" clung to a mighty old tree,
As she knew she was now in the Land of the Free;
And she rested in peace, for the strong cable-line,
We go girt round the waist of an Old Southern Pine!

And at last, when the Tyrant brought over his chain,
His forged in red furnace and clanked them in vain;
When the blood-hounds of War tracked the feet of our
Sires,
And drove them away from their homes and their fires,
Away fled the fugitives, hill, vale recorded,
The cell of the minister of sin was unheeded.
As with as the deer by the hunter pursued
They left the broad plain and hid fast in the wood;
And while the vile stranger, with blood-living eye,
Looked round in the thickets,—he looked but to die.
He stood from the Patriots, a look and a sign,
And Death stept his heart 'neath the OLD SOUTHERN
Pine!

When the Slave left the rice-swamps of Georgia afar,
The Moon was his lamp and his guide was a Star;
With a lone weary step, and a heart filled with dread,
To the far Northern clime of New England he sped.
But the hunters were out, they were after the Slave,
Oh, hasta ye! By onward! he sinking, he brave!
On he sped; not a moment he paused in his flight,
To the North was his journey by day and by night!
On the Slave-hunter came; but he paused him amazed,—
The Pine-Tree's dense top was safe covert, I ween!
Joy! joy to the Slave, glad freedom is thine,—
A home for oppressed ones, the Old Southern Pine!

A thousand long years the Grey Eagle's first flight,
To ten thousand storm-winds his broad wings he greets;
In the top of the Pine-Tree he built his first nest,
And there do his old, weary pinions now rest.
There the Eagle is here, there his young wing he tries,
There he pounces his prey, there he lives, there he dies.
When, a thousand years old, in the cold grave he sleepeth,
The Pine-Tree, unwearied, its watch over keepeth
It was he to gather the Grey Eagle's first flight,
And now, all unwearied, it stands in its might!
In a thousand long years it has known no decline,
Oh, a brave, mighty tree is the Old Southern Pine!

There is disease and rust and its dark-growing leaves,
'Tis there the gold-robbe life running most weaves,
The white-pine will stagger there, the needle-tree branch,
And wither her song through the fine, leafy wands;
And the Lover remains there, his fond head reclines
On the bosom he loves, 'neath the shade of the Pines;
The nightingale mourns, and the Stars' golden light
Glide the cheek of his maid through the long Summer
night;
And the thick branches o'er him swing such on his brow,
And like a strange harp-singe each low-breathing breath.
Ah! in all the wide forest, no lower so fair,
(For the Lover and Maid) as the OLD SOUTHERN PINE!

When the Whole fire o'ered in our bright Western fire,
In the distance came rolling a broad-breasted tone;
As it comes, slowly borne by the wind and the tide,
'Twas a Pine-Tree she saw o'er the glad waters side
'Twas the first one to welcome Columbus on shore,
It will stand till Columbia's remembered no more,
By the Angel of Death, when he flies o'er the world,
Shall the Trees of the Forest to rule be unfurled
Dark, withered and dead they shall cover the cold earth.
But the Pine-Trees shall stand, as they've stood since
their birth;
They shall stand firm for ever! Death cannot consign
To his shades the proud form of the OLD SOUTHERN
PINE!—*New Yorker.*

* One of Columbus's ships was first wrecked of the up-
proach of land by a floating tree.

Thrilling Story.

TOO LATE! TOO LATE!

BY REV. JOHN TODD, D.D.

I have never crossed the Atlantic, though it has ever been one of the strongest desires of my heart to do so—to visit what was the home of my fathers, the region of revolutions and battles, the country of song, of eloquence, of great deeds, good and bad. Probably my short purse will never permit me to enjoy all this, and money may give me to see a "better land." But in my dreams, I often visit it. There is not a mountain or lake in Scotland, which I have not many times climbed or sailed over, not a Highland glen or valley, which I have not pictured to my imagination. In one of these mental visits, lately, the following pictures were before my mind.

I was walking in a nobleman's park, the tall trees were in clusters, and their arches everywhere admitted light and shade in beautiful contrast. The wild birds had their home here, and even the timid deer were seen bounding from one thicket to another, without uttering the wild whistle which we hear in our forests, when a deer sees a man. In the midst of all that was lovely, stood the old family mansion—and there it had stood for centuries. Its towers, its wings, its great niche for the family plate, its gardens and stables and its thousand conveniences and elegancies. But all around the house was still. The clock in the tower was stopped, the horses in the stables were unharnessed, and the domestics were gathered round in whispering groups. The bell and the knocker were bandaged in crape and I now knew that death was looking into the windows, or that he had already entered the door. On entering the lofty rooms, panelled and stuccoed after the fashion of other days, you of necessity associated it all with great wealth. In the antiquated but beautiful furniture, you saw, at a glance, that in no generation, had the possessor been called upon for self-denial. In one of the most remote rooms, whose doors were curiously inlaid with variegated wood, whose ivory knobs turned noiselessly, whose carpet rendered the heaviest tread a velvet one, lay an old man, the possessor of all this estate. He was tall, noble in mein, but trouble had most evidently known him long. His countenance was sunken and haggard—the lips relaxed, and the breast scarcely moving as he breathed with great difficulty. It was difficult to say whether he was weighed down most heavily by bodily or mental agony. Friends were standing near him, but they were not near in blood. Servants were in waiting, anxiously watching, but their sorrows were not those which children have for a dying father. A large scroll of parchment was lying on the table. It was the will of the dying nobleman. The gentleman named in it as executor, was carefully reading it aloud.

"Mr. Douglas," said the dying man. "I know you will scrupulously observe all the directions of that instrument. I believe I have been minute and particular. As to that son—my only child! The memory of the past is overwhelming. He is mine, as you know only by adoption. I took him when a mere child at the dying request of his father. I have educated him as my own child and loved him as such. Oh! what return have I received from him! Ungrateful, disobedient, prone to all that is evil, giving himself up to every vice, he gave none and cares vile, till at last he fled from me and from his country, and for many years has lived in a foreign land, amid society and scenes which I dare not think of. During all these years I have supplied his expensive wants, and have used every method to recall him. But he scorns every overture I can make. For the last six months I have sent by every packet, sometimes writing and sometimes sending special messengers, urging him to return to me—promising that I will forgive all and make him my heir, if he will return. I have taken the point to be assured that my messages and letters have been put into his hands—as many as one a week for a long time. In that will, Mr. Douglas, I have directed that if he returns before my death, even if it be but an hour before I die, he shall still be my son and heir. If he does not, the money is that he is unworthy, and I have not been all from my part in the relationship. You understand me, sir, you can, sir?"

"I do, sir; I shall follow your directions to the letter."

"At this moment the sunbeam that shone upon the gold, and the rich brought large drops of cold sweat upon his forehead. It occurred to all his old servants to hear, I wonder to conclude that, but he seemed to have a consciousness that dreaming gold cannot do gold.

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My dream was changed. I seemed to be present in one of the most crowded alleys of a populous city. All around seemed dirty, thronging, and vile. Time seems lost up here a considerable story. It was about noon. The room had on old table, a few broken chairs, a cot bed, or its furniture, while both the floor were empty, and earth stained, showed that it was a miserable haunt of desolation. A young man not fainting on the table was upon a bed, coat, dirty shirt, and shoeless gazing in surprised. A large letter lay before him. His eyes were red, his countenance haggard and wasted, and everything about him disheartening. He was reading over the letter. He would read it, as a part of it, and then get up and hastily walk across the room. Again he would sit down and read. After doing so repeatedly, he suddenly stopped, and said aloud—"Yes, it is just so. I have tried this course a great while. My companions are friends, just so long as my money lasts, and then they forsake me till I excite more. Once more I am stripped, and they have helped to strip me, and have even proposed to me to commit robbery in order to replenish their wants and mine! When have they ministered to me? I have been in the hospital, and in prison, and not one of them ever came to me? And yet this good man—how differently has he done! It is plain too, that he is very near his end. The physician says there is no hope of my reaching him alive, unless I do it within thirty days from this very day. If I reach him, I may receive his pardon, his blessing, and his property; if I fail, I lose all. And now what shall I do? And the packet—the last packet sails this very day! Here I am a beggar, when I might have be the possessor of all the heart could wish. Nothing but my sins have kept me from all this. Can I give these up? Can I become virtuous and good? I trust I can. I will make the trial. I will make one effort more to recover and save myself. This letter ensures the payment of my passage when I reach home. And at 12 o'clock the packet sails. She must be already down the harbor, and the steamboat must in a few minutes leave the wharf with the passengers and the mails. I have not a moment to lose."

Away went the young man down the stairs, and down the alley, with nothing but a small bundle of clothing under his arm. Towards the wharf I saw him rush. Panting and pale he went onward, fainter thought him deranged. Some thought him a thief—all thought him in haste in a hurry. At length he saw the wharf, and hears fine hearing of the sounds of the boat that is to carry the passengers down to the ship already under sail. There is the boat, and there I see just letting her off from her moorings! Away he darts, and reaches the wharf. Alas! she is off, and he is just one minute too late. In agony he saw it all, and cried—"too late—too late!" and sank down in despair. It was too late, and he lost the inheritance forever. What a dream! *N. Y. Evangelist.*

Our Salmagundi.

I'M HERE, WATTY.

The Laird of Rosedrumon was gie fond of his bottle—in short, just a poor drunken body, as I said after. On one occasion he was asked to dine with Lord Rosemore, a neighbor of his, and his Lordship, being well acquainted with the Laird's failing in small drinks, ordered a bottle of cherry brandy to be set before him after dinner, instead of port, which he always drank in preference to claret when anything better was to be got. The Laird thought this fine heartsome stuff, and on he went filling his glass like the rest, and ever the more he drank the more he praised his Lordship's *Port*. "It was a fine full-bodied wine, and lay well on the stomach, not like that poisonous stuff claret that made a body feel as if he had swallowed a nest of pudlocks." Well, gentlemen, the Laird had finished one bottle of cherry brandy, or, as his Lordship called it, this particular Port, and had just tossed off a glass of the second bottle, which he declared to be even better than the first, when his old confidential servant, Watty, came staving into the room, and making his best bow, announced that the Laird's horse was at the door. "Get out of that, ye fause loon," cried the Laird, pulling off his wig and flinging it at Watty's head. "Do na ye see, ye blethering loon, that I'm just beginning my second bottle?" "But Minister, says Watty, scratching his head, "it's unmist twall o'clock." "Weel, what though it be" said the Laird, turning up his glass with drunken gravity, while the rest of his company were like to split their sides with laughing at him and Watty. "It cannot be my hater, my man, or just reach me my wig and the sang his'e a wee." "Weel, gentlemen, it was a cold, frosty night, and Watty mun tind of kicking his heels at the door; so, in a little while, back he comes, and says he, "Minister, mainter, it's amaist aine o'clock!" "Weel, Watty," says the Laird with a hiccup—for he was far gone by this time—"it will never be day earlier, Watty, my man, and that's a comfort, so you may just rest yourself a wee while longer till I finish my bottle. A full belly makes a stiff back, you know, Watty." Watty was by this time dancing mad; so, after waiting another half hour, he had to come in an awful hurry, and says he, "Laird, Laird, as true as death the sun's rising." "Weel, Watty," says the Laird, looking awful wise, and trying with both hands to fill his glass, "let him rise, my man, let him rise, he has further to gang to-day than either you or me, Watty."

This answer fairly dumfounded poor Watty, and he gave it up in despair. But at last the bottle was finished; the Laird was lifted into the saddle, and off he rode in high glee, thinking all the time the moon was the sun, and that he had fine daylight for his journey. "Heech, Watty, my man," says the Laird, patting his stomach and speaking awful thick, "we were mane the worse for that second bottle the frosty morning." "Faith," says Watty, blowing his fingers and looking as blue as a bilberry, "your honor is may be mane the worse for it, but I am none the better: I wish I was." Well, on they rode fou cannily, the Laird gripping hard at the horse's mane and rolling about like a sack of meal; for the cold air was beginning to make the spirits tell on him. At last they came to a bit of a brook that crossed the road and the Laird's horse, being pretty well used to have his coun way, stopped short and put down his head to take a drink. This had the effect to make the poor laird lose his balance, and away he went over the horse's ears into the very middle of the brook. The Laird, honest man, had just sense enough to hear the splash and to know that something was wrong; but he was that drunk that he did not in the least suspect that it was himself. "Watty," says he, sitting up in the middle of the stream and stammering out the words with great difficulty, "Watty, my man, there is surely something tumbled into the brook, Watty." "Faith you may say that," repined Watty like to roll off his horse with laughing, "for it's yaursel', Laird!" "Hout fie, no Watty," cried the Laird, with a hiccu, between every word, "it sanely canna be me, Watty, for *I'm here!*"

Our Scrap Book.

A WINTER SUNSET.

Nature's great eye, low burning in the west,
Pours sweetest light upon this mountain-crest,
Pleasant in Summer with delicious grass
And checker'd shadows from the breezy limbs
Her mantled now in snow that, beneath bend,
Creaks to my footsteps. The green hemlock smiles
Spotted with gold; the oak's over foliage, still
Tight clinging to the boughs, is hinted up
To a rich brown, and on the carpet-snow
Glows a rich blush. At hand, a steep slope
Lets down my eye upon the hollow. Pale
In its chill color is him, with dusky lines
Of crooked brown—groups and confused trees
And nude, like dingy pavilion, center'd o'er
But over the broad dinted oak has crept
To the lime line of hills along the west
Lower is falls, until a shred of light
Glimers, their sides, and the red sky is bare.

☞ An Indian, at an English dinner at Inverat, expressed his surprise, by loud acclamation, on seeing a vast quantity of froth come out of a bottle of porter as soon as the cork was drawn. Being asked what surprised him, he replied, "I don't wonder at all that the froth comes out of the bottle; but how did you ever contrive to squeeze it all in?"

☞ Dickens should not always compel fate for their children, or they make one perish, the other miserable, and both dull.

Oh, I mean, young, and fair things,
Why life can begin years ago,
Before birth, and yet still be young
Long ago, I mean
As we lived before the Flood,
I also, good sir, as I believed,
A form divinely fair,
Beauty, so beautiful, so sainted
Was entirely, but of late
As but the image of my thought—
Too long my fancy drew—
The Ancient in my vision brought,
Sure as I said her all my love—
Despair which was equal
She said, my passion she appreciated,
But that she was engaged!

Ladies' Boudoir.

LOVE UNBOUGHT.

BY EMMA C. EMBURY.

They tell me that I must not keep,
That then with open the door
And a thought tenderness that gives
Its hidden wealth to thee;

It may be so: I hold it not,
Nor would I change my belief for,
When thou I am allowed to make
My heart a bankrupt for thy sake.

They tell me where the fleeting charm
Of novelty is o'er,
Then it goes away with careless heart,
And think of me no more;

It may be so: enough for me
If every shine still smile o'er thee,
Or I can trace, when thou art far,
Thy pathway like a distant star.

TYRANNY OF FASHION.

It is decreasing to notice what tyranny fashion exercises over many of the fair sex. Crowds of them are seen bowing at the shrine of this immortal goddess, and yielding obedience to her mandates, to the utter ruin of their health and happiness. In many of our cities and larger towns, aye, and smaller towns too, her reign is indeed the reign of terror. She has but to speak, and no matter how absurd and ridiculous, or even torturing, her utterance, she is at once listened to and obeyed. Not satisfied with dictating rules of dress, diet, air and exercise, she assumes the right to apply instruments of torture to the bodies of her victims, by which they are compressed and broken into a form utterly destructive of nature's beautiful model, and thus misshapen and deformed, habit, image, and other vital organs literally crushed within them, they are compelled to drag out an existence devoid of comfort and of usefulness. I cannot exclaim: I hope the evil here indicated is not so prevalent as it was a few years since. It has in some degree been corrected by the diffusion of better views on the subject of physical education. It still however prevails to a melancholy extent; and it ought to be discountenanced and resisted by all who wish well to the rising and the risen generation. If mothers would see their daughters adorned with the character of the virtuous woman, they must learn to train them with a rigid reference to the laws of health, so as to secure the most perfect development both of body and of mind. And our daughters must learn the essential conditions on which health depends, and carefully conform to them. They must learn, that if they would have a sound mind in a sound body, cheerful spirits with beautiful forms and blooming countenances, they must cease to worship at the shrine of the goddess of fashion, and follow the precepts of nature and common sense—must breathe pure air, take free exercise, be satisfied with a simple nutritious diet, and never be afraid to bear a part in the work of the kitchen, and the common affairs of the family. They must learn, in a word, in the whole course of their training, both at home and in the school, to mingle labor with study, active with industry employments, and never fall into the absurd notion, that in order to be delicate they must be indolent, or, that in order to be fine ladies, they must form themselves into those ineffectual, fainting, nervous things that often pass under that name.

SONG.

BY KATE CLEAVELAND.

How exciting bright, is thy dark, loving eye!
As it kindles, and flashes in answer to mine,
And the language it speaks, is thy spirit's own sign,
For the light that illumes it is almost divine.
It is useless to guess on that love-moulded form;
Or to sigh for response on that innocent brow—
I but look, as the mariner looks through the storm,
At the beacon-star, hopeless of reaching its rest!

Though thou'rt wed with another, thy heart beats for me,
For thine eye hath confest what thy lip might deny,
And the position that thou'rt in, I know full well,
Poor spirits might earn in their dwelling on high.
Though I never may dare to give voice to my love,
Shall this hinder my heart in its worship of thee—
Oh! my silence alone such devotion shall prove,
As will bind thee forever in spirit to me.

The Family.

THE CHRISTMAS DINNER.

WRITTEN FOR THE SATURDAY EVENING POST.

I was happy, I was happy, and only yesterday,
But these blinded hearts are fled, and my joys are far
away;
I was happy in the meeting of each friend I loved to
meet,
And happy too, in something else, that tongue can never
tell!
We met together, as perhaps, we ne'er shall meet
again;
We met to bless long hope and joy, and not in grief and
pain;
We met round our kindred's hearth, and the red fire's
cheerful glow—
Only recalled by such many face, that could not survive
Merry Christmas, merry Christmas—how sweet from
every tongue,
Rang the glad and happy accents, alike to old and
young;
There were meets and there were smiles, and oh! how
sweet the music
Of those accents!
I could not call them by their names, but count them by
the dozens.
The children laughed and cried by turns, as children
often do;
The gossips gave the plural noun, and not the singular
one.
We were happy as a clergyman, pronouncing marriage
banns;
Happy with one Christmas dinner, and our lovely Mary
Anne!
The old folks in one corner met, the young ones in another;
And we caught the oft reproving glance, of many a prudent
mother—
Oh! why will "sin's" be so afraid, of the dear little
sinners?
And then (just only think of it,) these harmless sugar
binges!
We thought and talked of every thing, of Mesmerism,
Love,
And wrote some pretty compliments, to fill a lady's
glove—
Phrenology and poetry and optics, studied well,
What is Philosophy we done, I really cannot tell!
Sin! sin! doesn't they are calling—was ever table
so fed,
With the goodly things long since the clash of knives and
forks forbidden
Why Thanksgiving's scarcely equal, with its turkies and
mince pies;
We had every thing to feast on, not forgetting radiant
eyes!
"Mr. Long, pray carve the turkey," "thank you Doctor,"
"Uncle Ben,
Here's the chicken"—"bless your soul"—"hand the
gravy up again"—
Coffee—biscuits—no, I think you—carry save the pluck
you stumpy!
Hoot! I so caught my death of cold I'm sure, the gossip's
so cold and damp!
But dinner is despatched at length—dark known Pie
gave a cheer,
By the aid of every circle, where ladies and gallants
meet.
"How do you like pianos"—"pianos if you please!"
"Did you not know 'twas impolite to company to
sneeze?"
"My pretty! why sure dear Miss, you're getting quite
mature"—
"Yes, with me then to factor you, oh dear how very
sain!"
Thus did we all the observant of Christmas, yesterday;
With our pretty mother cousins, sweet as violets in May.
At length we all broke up, oh dear! I feel so very sad,
When I think of what is gone, and what a merry time
we had.
Also for all our brightest hours, have quickly to they fly,
And the blossoms of affection over fadest memory lie;
Our days of sorrow drag along, as slow as Friend's pace;
While pleasure flies away so rapid we scarcely see her
face,
Ah well-a-day, I will most sigh, for long I cannot say—
I was happy, I was happy, and only yesterday.

Springfield, 1846. L.

MUTABILITY.

BY RICHARD HORNTON MILNES.

I was one children to-day;
Their voices shook each other,
Like the little buds of a tree
Spread in summer breeze;
And ever and even,
As gaily they ran on,
Each laughed into the others face,
Answering as echoing.
I watched them, when they were gone,
I wondered them must one day,
They wondered each other's hands, and then,
Each went on his own way!
Thence did the years a the
Of love, the highest state,
To make them fast in a loving eye,
Or grasp the hand again—
Yet in a page in our life's book,
We all of us turn over;
The web is rent,
The lone place spent,
And oh! the pain we now foresee
Have unknown we answered!

Our days are broken into parts,
And every fragment has a tale
Of the abandonment of hopes,
May make our freshest hopes have pale.
Even in the plighting of our troth,
Even in the pardon of our oath,
A cold hand voice may come to mutter,
"We never met what it is our time."

☞ Two ladies named *Pigeon* and *Lark*, were charged, at Hatton-garden police office, London, with stealing three fowls, from a man named *Ariary*. The prisoners were detected in the act, and given into custody of a constable named *Purvis*, who brought them to the office, from which they were consigned to the Cage.

Agricultural.

VENTILATION OF STABLES.

It is upwards of eight and-forty years since James Clarke, of Edinburg, protested against close stables. He insisted that they were hot and foul, to a degree incompatible with health; and he strongly recommended that they should be aired in such a manner as to have them always cool and sweet. Previous to the publication of Clarke's work, people never thought of admitting fresh air into a stable; they had no notion of its use. In fact they regarded it as highly pernicious, and did all they could to exclude it. In those times, the groom shut up his stables at night, and was careful to close every aperture by which a breath of fresh air might find admission. The key-hole and the threshold of the door were not forgotten. The horse was confined all night in a sort of hot-house, and in the morning, the groom was delighted to find his stable warm as an oven. He did not perceive, or he did not notice, that the air was bad, charged with moisture, and with vapors more pernicious than moisture. It was oppressively warm, and that was enough for him. He knew nothing about its ventilation, or about its influence on the horse's health. In a large crowded stable where the horses were in constant and laborious work, there would be much foul air. Opaque, grease, mange, blindness, coughs, and broken wind, would prevail, varied occasionally by fatal inflammations. In another stable, containing fewer horses, and those doing little work, the principal diseases would be sore throats, bad eyes, swelled legs, and inflamed lungs, or frequent invasions of the influenza. But every thing on earth would be blamed for these before a close stable.

WORK FOR JANUARY.

Winter Ploughing.—All stiff tenacious clays, intended for spring crops, should be ploughed early late in the fall, or during the open periods of the winter. But the breaking up of such lands, should never be undertaken, unless it be in that peculiar state between moist and dry, which enables the ploughman to turn it over in a state free from danger of it becoming mortar, a condition always consequent upon the ploughing of stiff clays when wet. If ploughed in this latter state, it will remain so throughout the season, and of course prove positive to all the purposes of cultivation. If, however, advantage be taken to plough when the soil is right, neither wet nor dry, but moderately moist, the effect of the action of the winter's alternations of freezing and thawing will be, to disintegrate and pulverize clay, render it friable, lessen the labor of cultivation, excite the decomposition of vegetable matter, facilitate the formation of the silicate of potash, and greatly increase the quantity, and improve the quality of the crops which may be growing upon it.

Threshing and Cleaning Grain.—As the prices of grain are now remunerative, we would advise all to get all they have out, so as to be ready for market at any time that their interest may point it out as the proper one to sell at. For years past, the raising of grain has been an unprofitable concern, but now, when prices offer something like a just reward for labor bestowed, and interest in advance, it is worth our while to look sharply, and watch too closely, to seize upon the point of time when maximum prices are to be obtained; nor can they be too regardful of not being caught in the meshes of speculators—those conservious gentry, who travel on the "wings of the wind" to make money out of the want of information of others, and thus to fatten on ill gotten spoils.

Grain Fields.—At least twice a month, the grain fields should have all the *surface-drains* examined, and every clod, *stone* or *stick*, carefully removed, so that no impediment be left to prevent the free progress of the water, as nothing is more destructive to the plants of winter grain, than being flooded for weeks in winter, or early spring. That it is one of the causes of what is called winter killing, we have never entertained a doubt, and we are as clear of doubt, that it may be avoided by deep ploughing, laying dry, by surface drains, and by keeping these drains free from obstruction.

Milch Cows.—As butter brings a fair price, you can afford now to *feed* your cows upon some nourishing grain stuff. Corn ground in the cob, makes a rich mess when scalded or boiled into slop, and is highly conducive to the encouragement of the formation of *cream*. See then, that your cows get a just allowance of slops, that they are warmly lodged, and get a proper allowance of hay, and water.

Stable Dung.—For most kinds in green and zebra make an excellent top dressing. A hundred bushels to the acre will sweeten the soil, encourage the growth of valuable grasses, and ultimately drive out the coarse ones.

As we have concluded our fortnightly talk upon the work to be done on the farm during the month, we hope to be able to do the same in the spring, and we will merely say in conclusion, that we will merely say in conclusion, that we will merely say in conclusion, that